



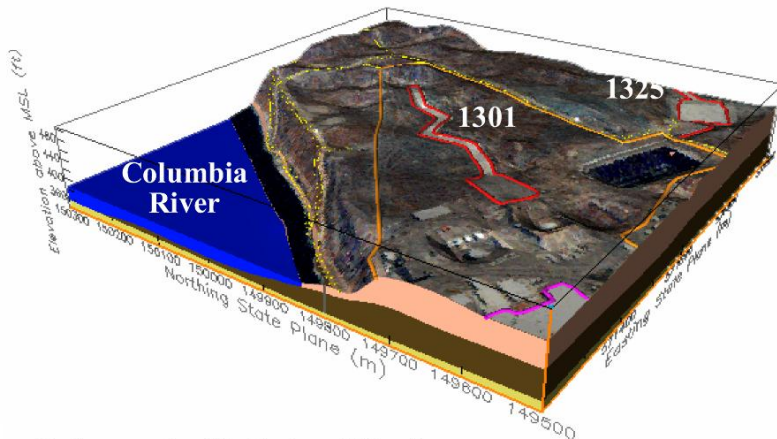
# 100-N Conceptual Model

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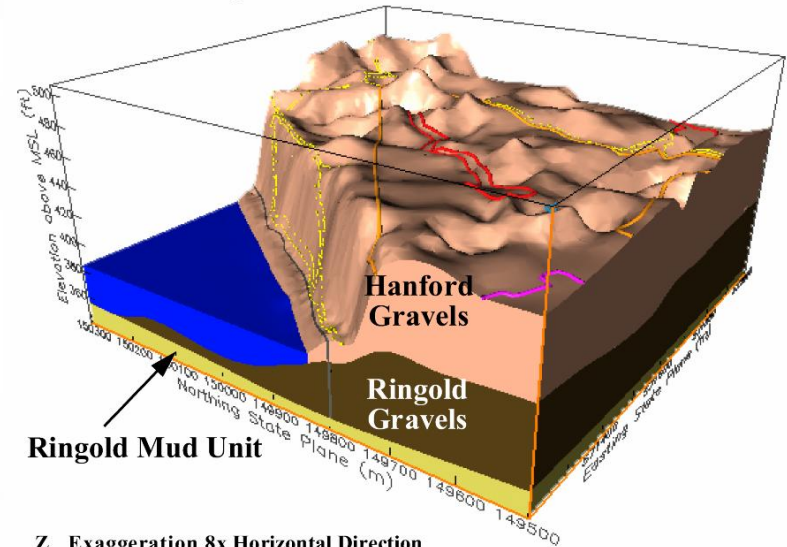
# Geology of the 100-N Area

**100 N Area Perspective View  
Showing the Location of N Reactor  
and the 1301-N and 1325-N LWDFs**



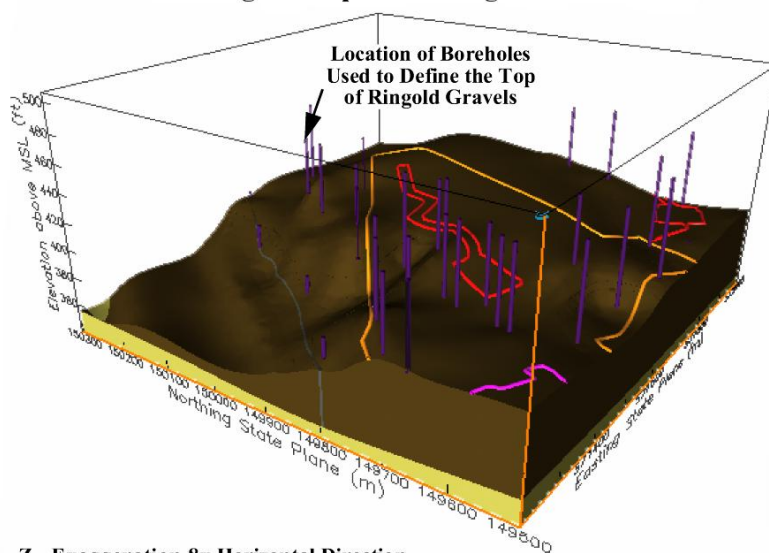
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**Block Diagram with the Major  
Lithologic Formations in the 100 N Area**



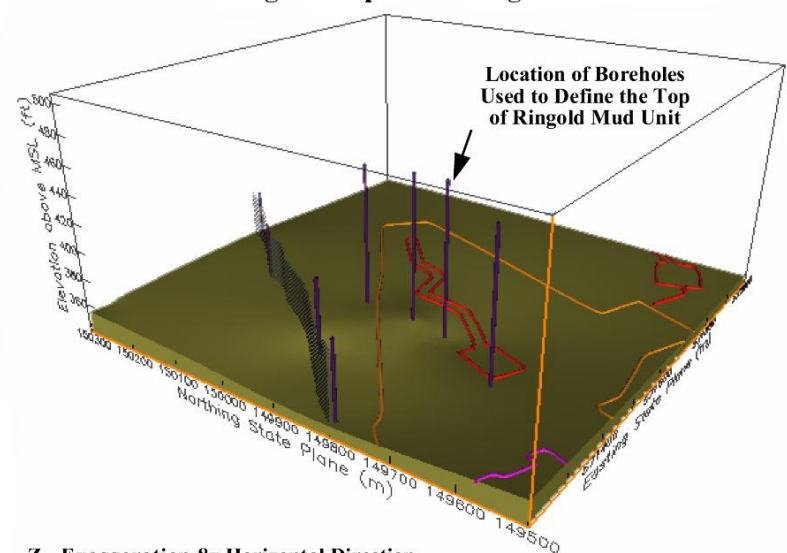
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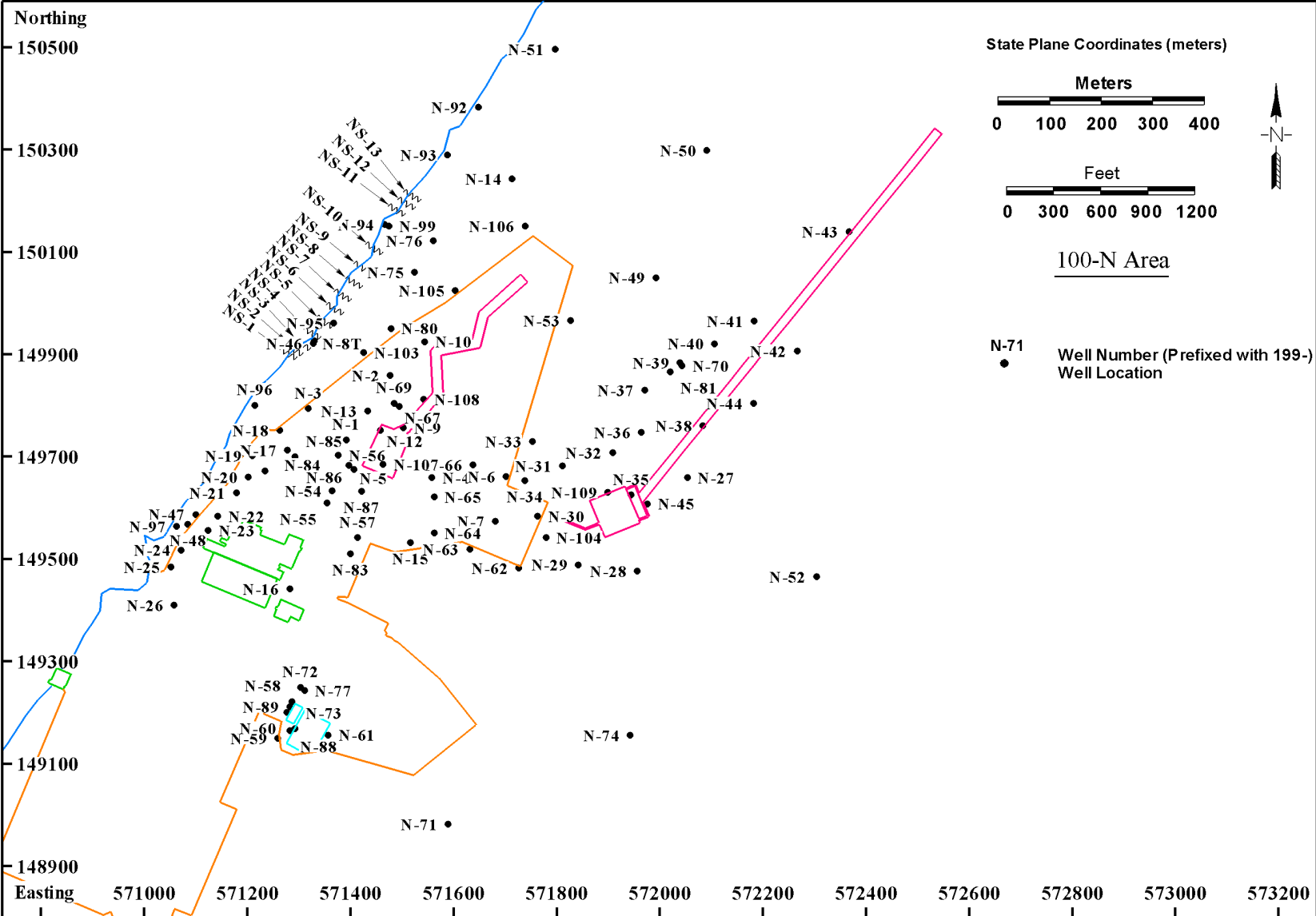
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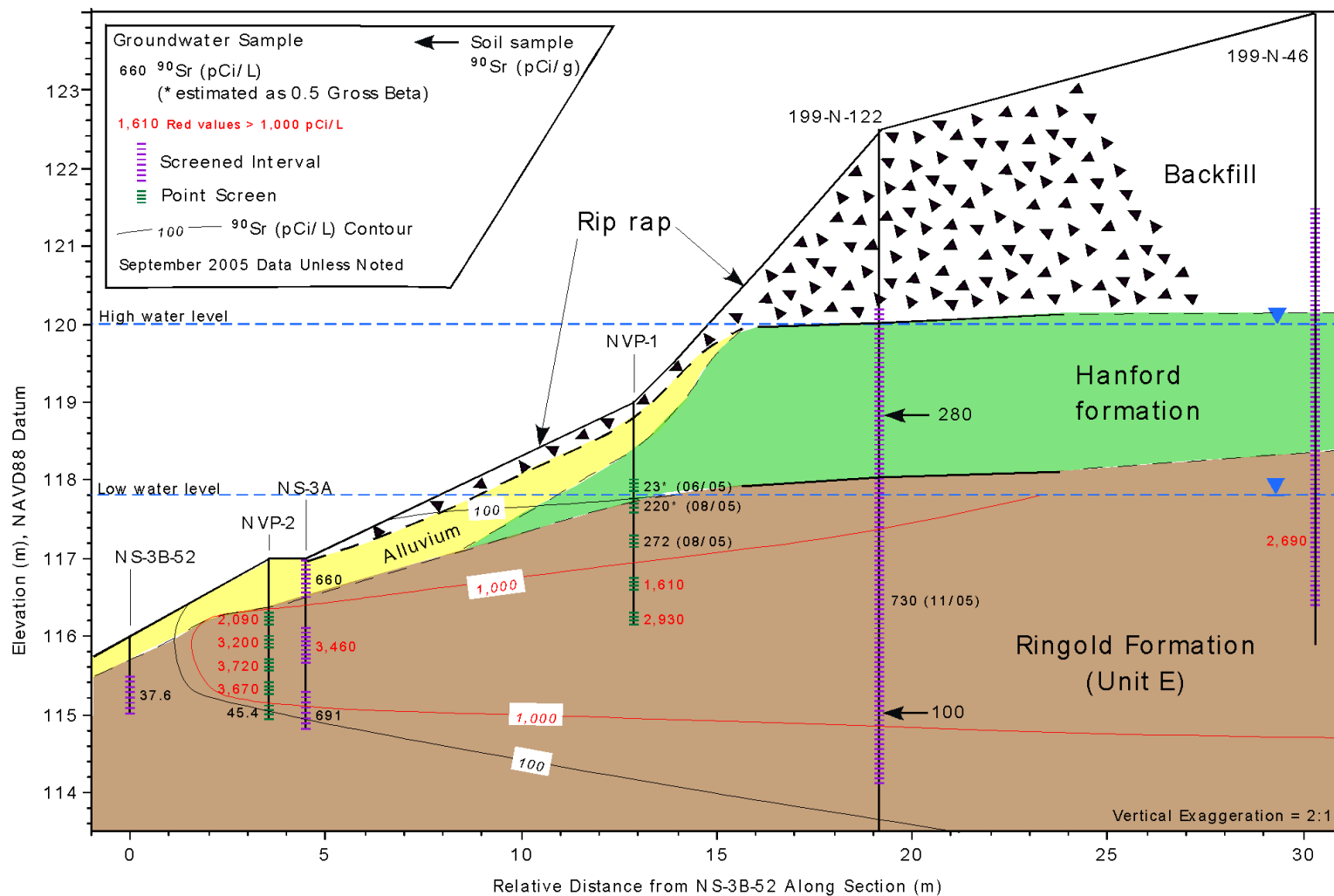


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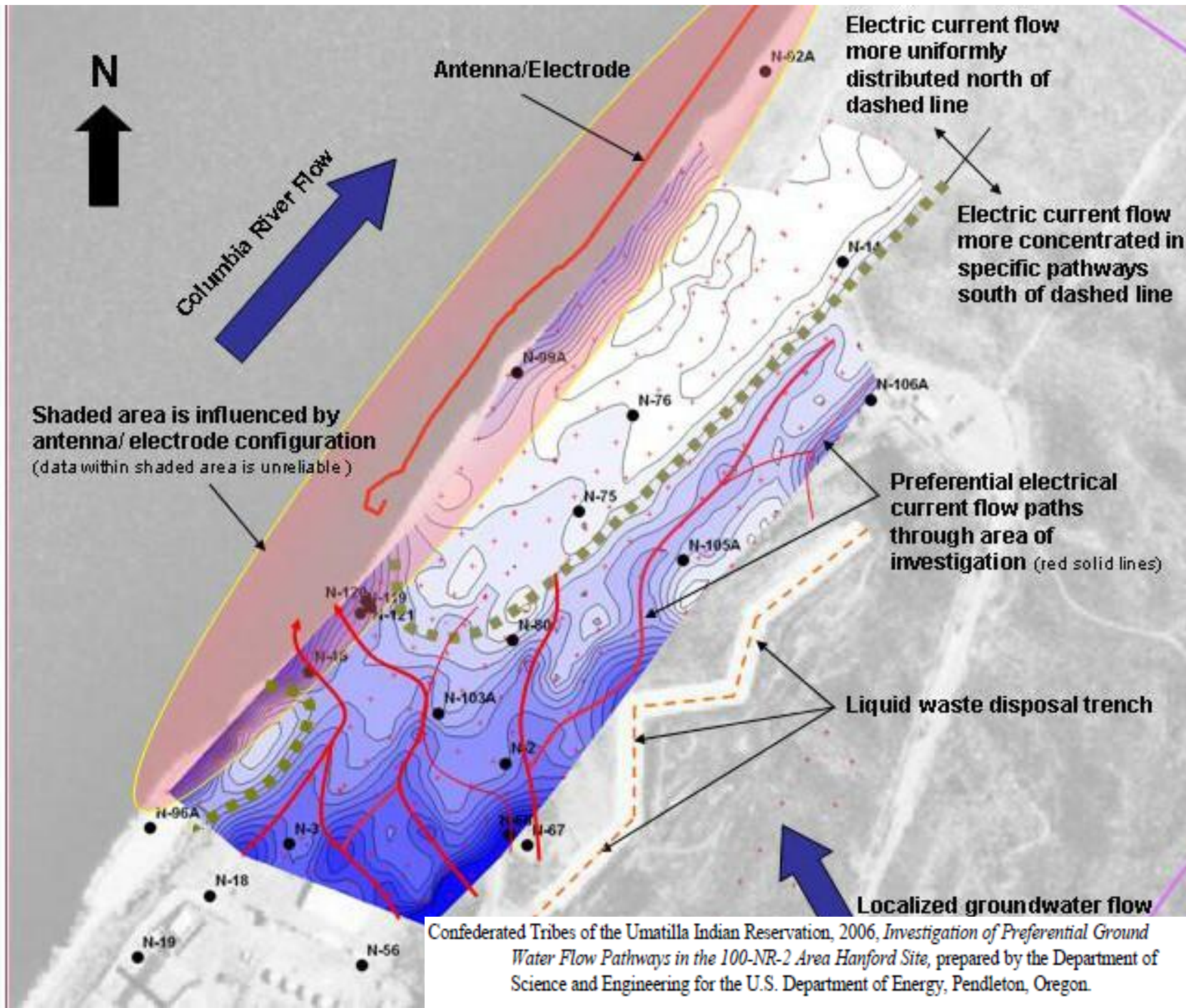
# 100-N Monitoring Well Network



# Hydrogeologic Cross Section and Contaminant Distribution within the Strontium-90 Plume at the 100-N Area



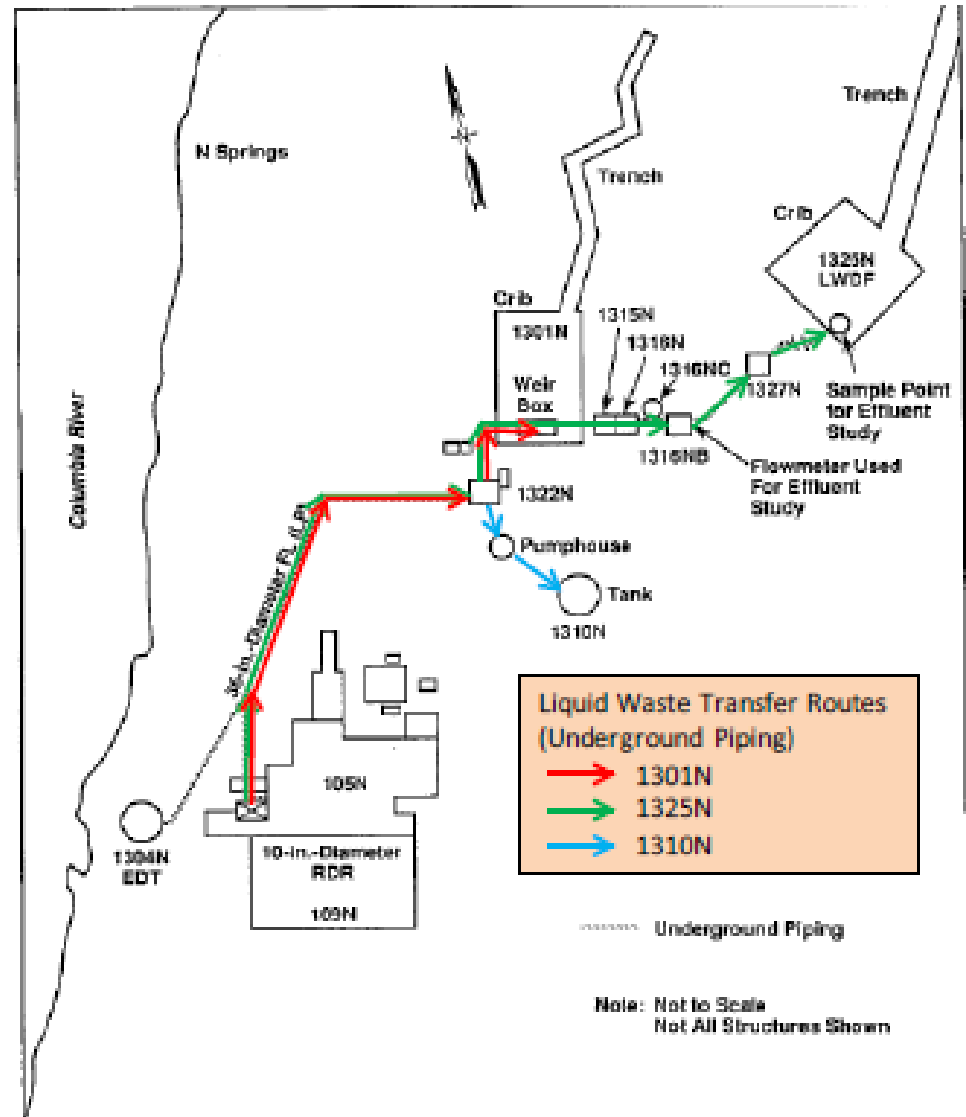




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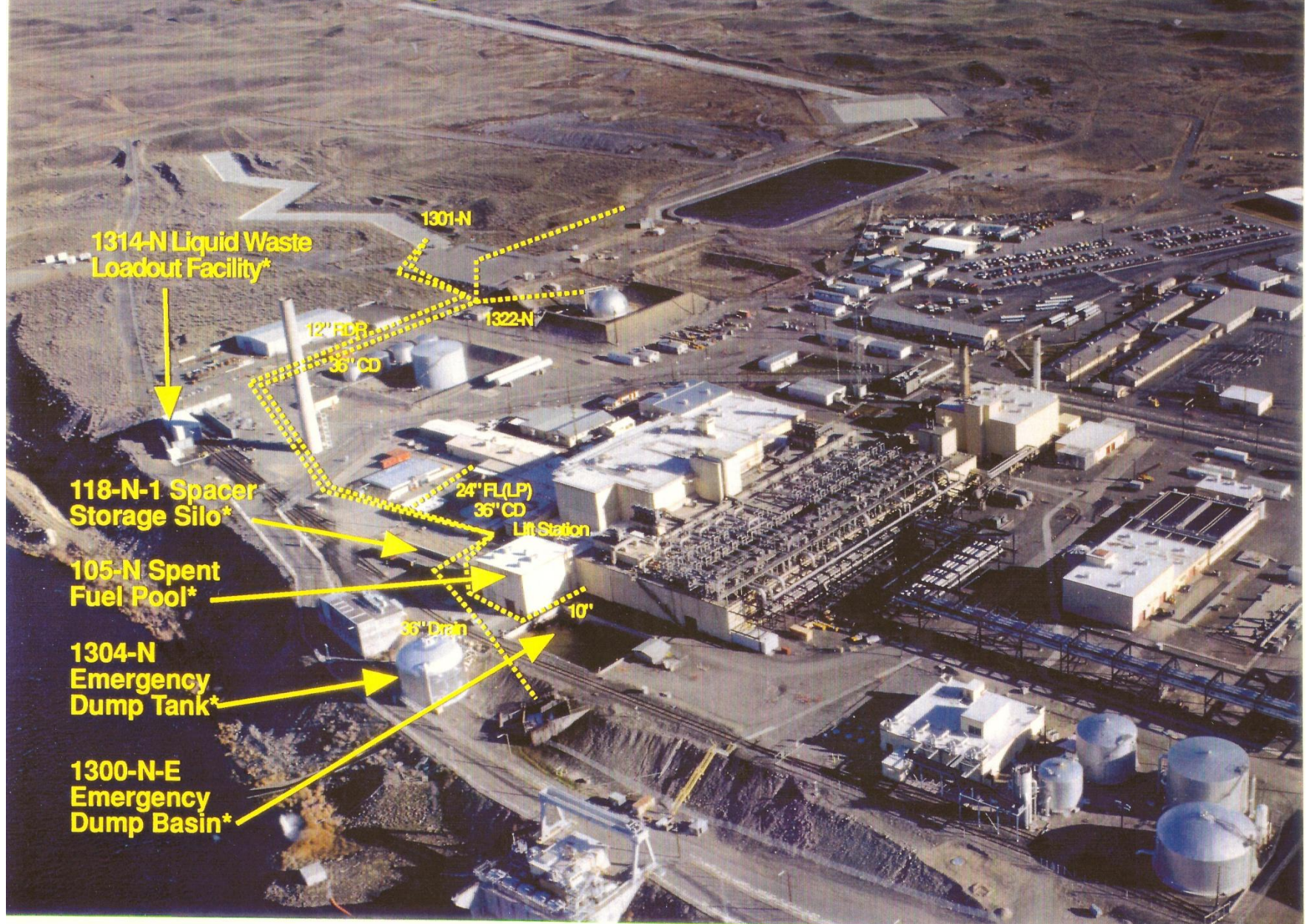
# 100-N Contaminant Release

- Nearly all significant contaminant release was to LWDF's 1301-N & 1325-N
  - Spent fuel storage basin overflow
  - Primary reactor loop coolant bleed-off
  - Reactor decontaminant rinse solutions
  - Reactor drains
  - Sodium dichromate (1301-N only; ceased in 1973)
- 1310-N
  - High-contamination fluids trucked to 200 Area for disposal





# 100-N High Priority Waste Sites\*





# Other Potential Contaminant Release Sites

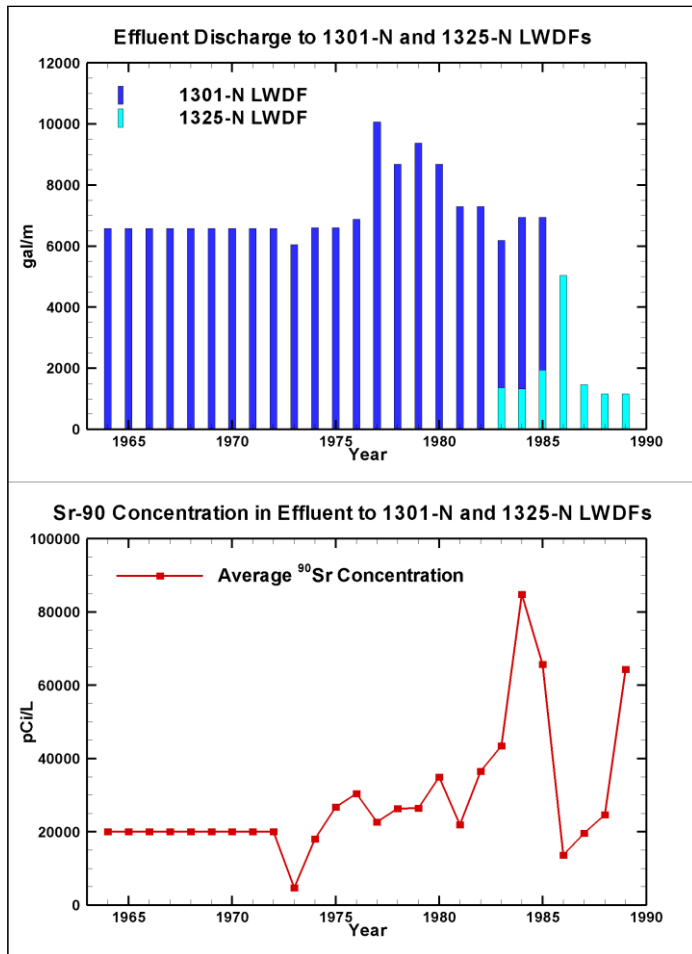
- **1310-N (116 N-2) Radioactive chemical waste treatment & storage Facility**
- **1304-N Emergency Dump Tank & 1300-N (116-N-4 Emergency Dump Basin for primary loop reactor cooling water**
- **118-N-1 Fuel Spacer Storage Silos (2 small unplanned releases reactor water)**
- **105-N Spent Fuel Storage Basin**
- **116-N Tank Farm (Petroleum spill – Largest, 80,000 gallons Diesel oil spilled in 1966)**
- **1324-N (120-N-1) Percolation Pond-treated corrosive regeneration effluent, process & cooling water from demineralization plant**
- **1324-NA (120-N-2) Surface Impoundment- double-lined impoundment with leak detection – used to neutralize acid & caustic regeneration effluent from demineralization plant**
- **Unknown source(s) of Nitrate – Possible use of nitric acids in facilities, unknown inventory**



# What is a picoCurie ?

- 1 Curie (Ci) = That quantity of radioactive material that results in 37 billion disintegrations/second, equivalent to 1 gram radium
- 1 picoCurie = Pico" is a metric prefix that means one one-millionth of one one-millionth = 1/trillionth ( $10^{-12}$ ) of 1 curie
- 1 picoCurie = That quantity of radioactive material that results in 2.2 nuclear disintegrations/minute

# 100-N Effluent Discharges to LWDF's



- Strontium-90 concentrations at N Springs reaches 5,000 pCi/ liter in 1985
- Strontium-90 groundwater plume concentrations peaked in excess of 45,000 pCi/ liter beneath 1325-N in late 1989
- Strontium-90 groundwater plume persists; max concentration ~ 1,000X MCL

# 100-N Mounding During Operations

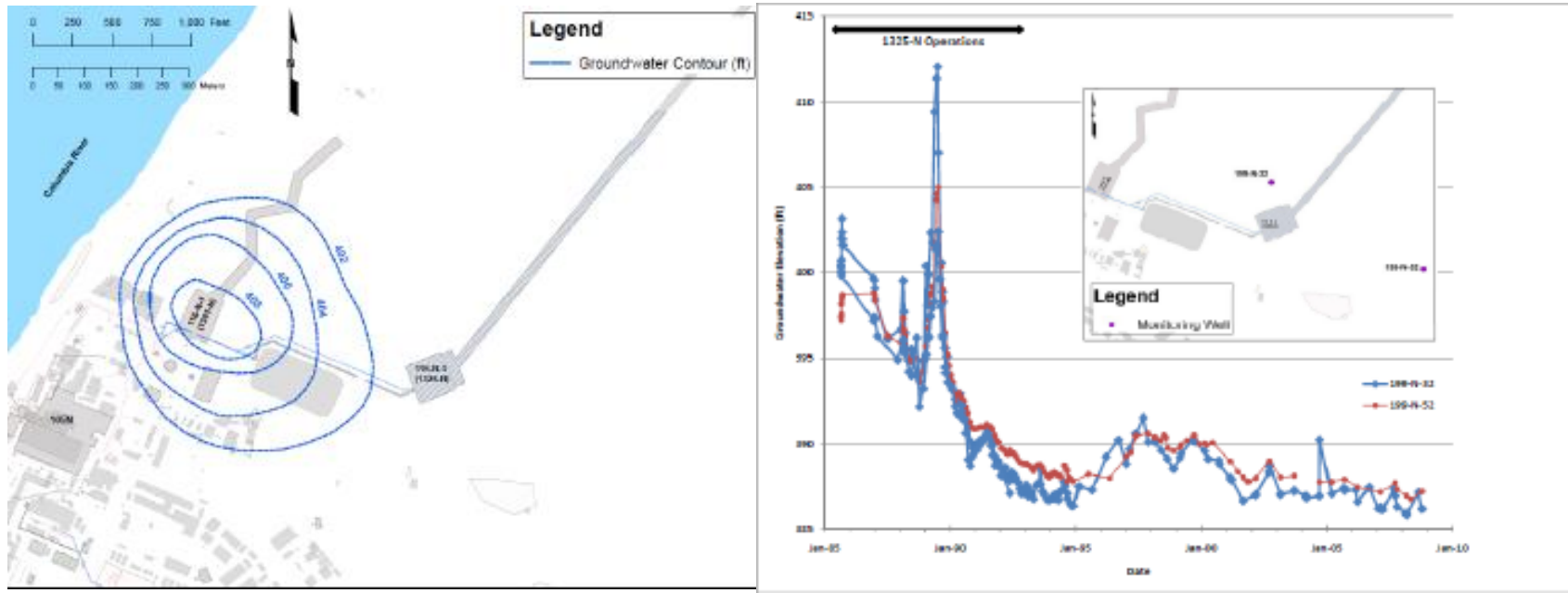
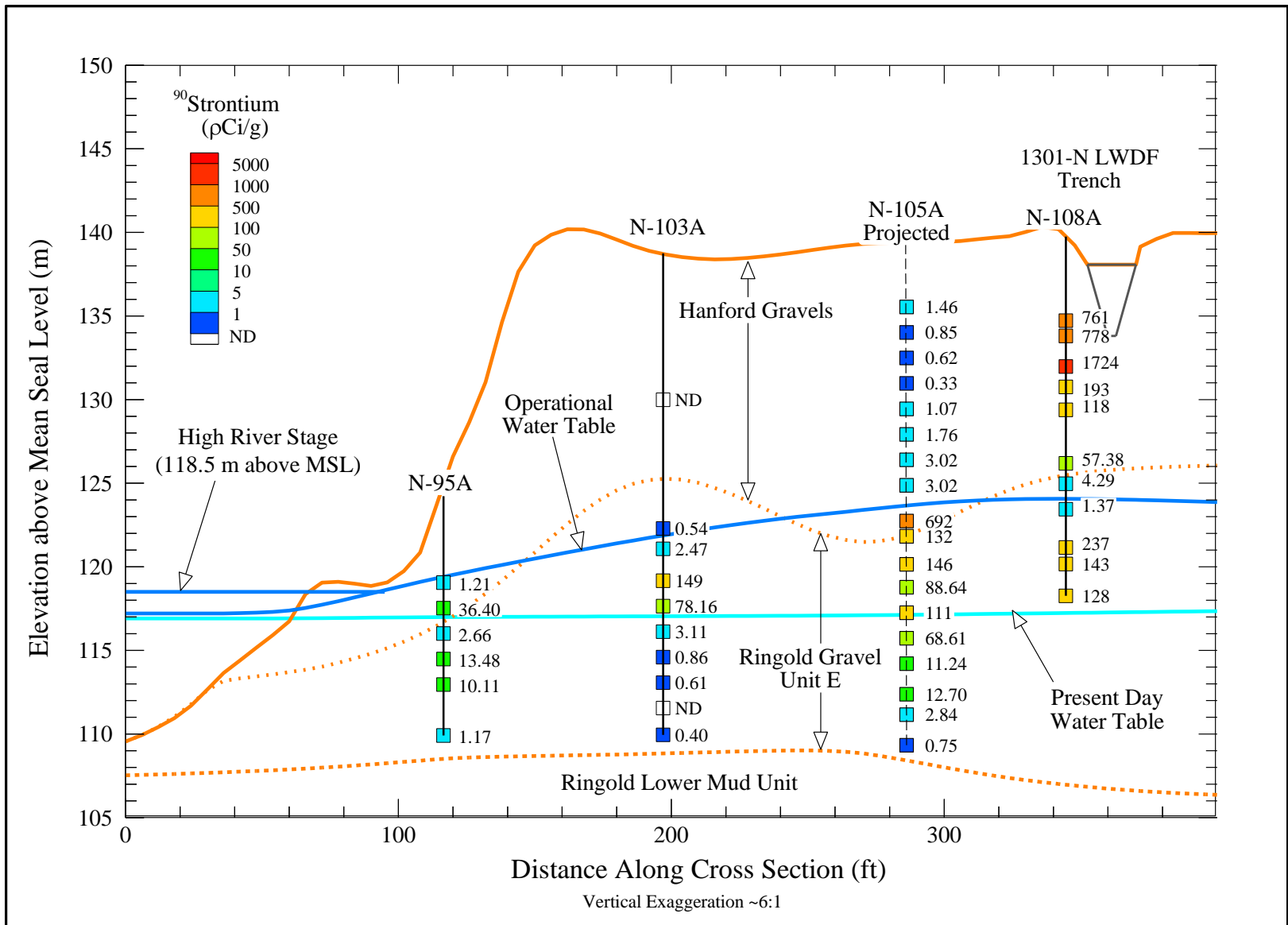


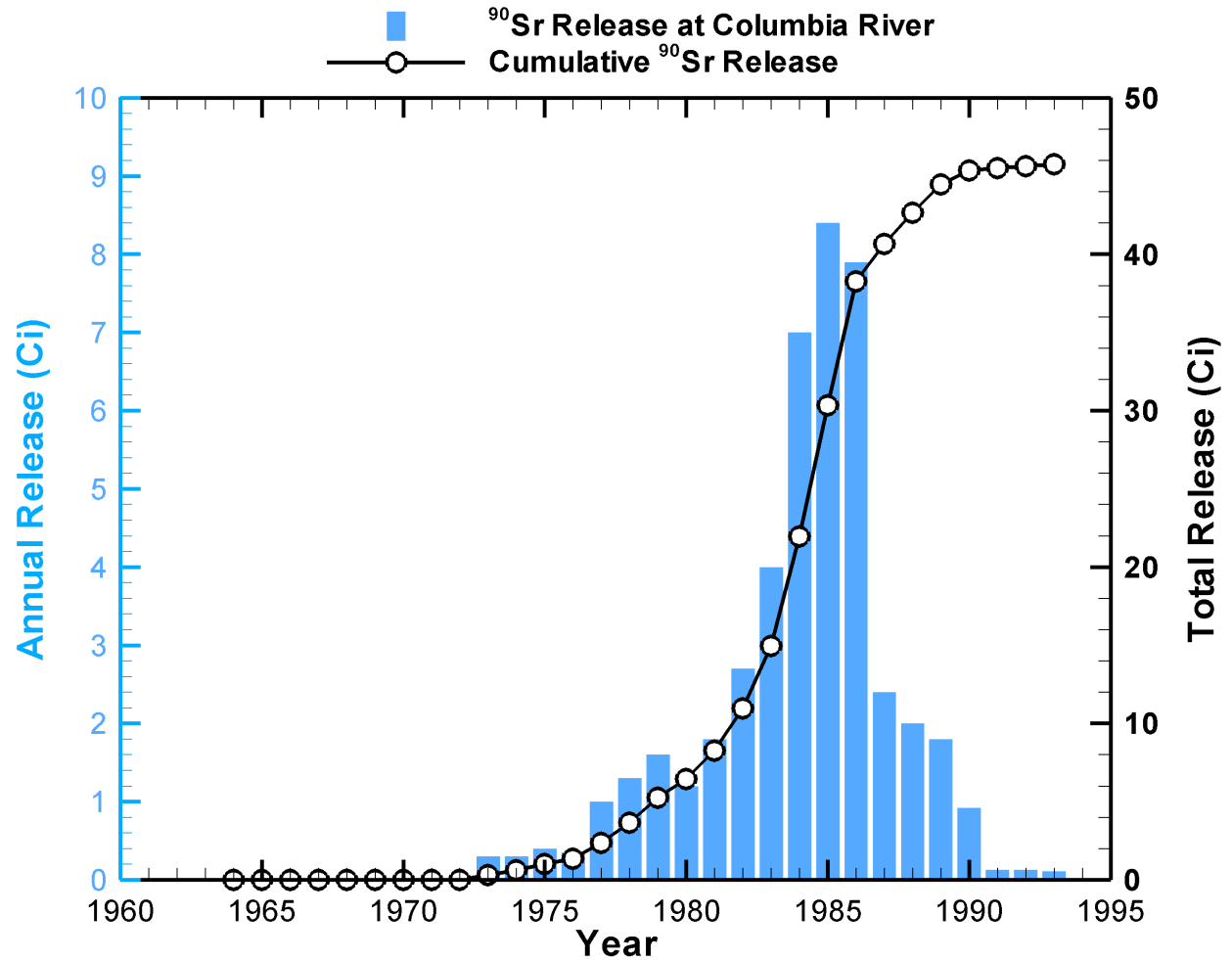
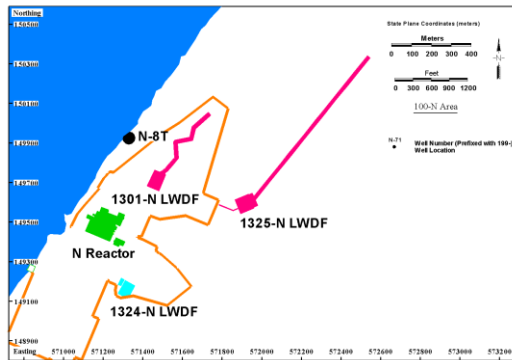
Figure 4-12. Comparison of Water Table Elevations over Time at Groundwater Monitoring Wells near 1325-N Liquid Waste Disposal Facility (Wells 199-N-32 and 199-N-52)

# Strontium-90 Soil Sampling Data





# Sr-90 Impacts to Columbia River during Operations



# Sr-90 plume over time

Strontium-90

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- 800 - 8,000 pCi/L
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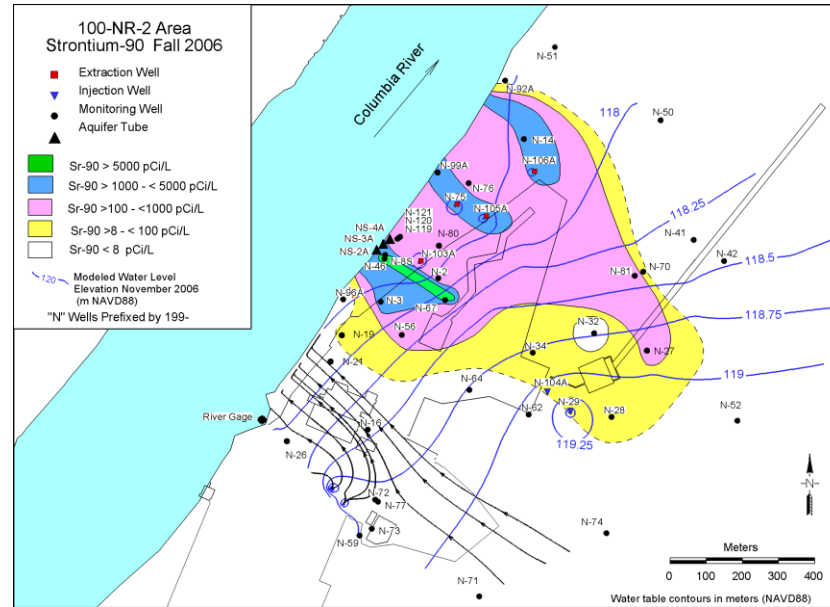
1996

Columbia River

0 200 400 m

0 600 1200 ft

North arrow



**Very little change over time,  
especially since P&T placed in  
cold standby**

**Strontium-90**

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2008

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0 600 1,200 ft

# Radionuclide Inventory 100-N LWDF's (DOE/RL-95-110 Draft A)

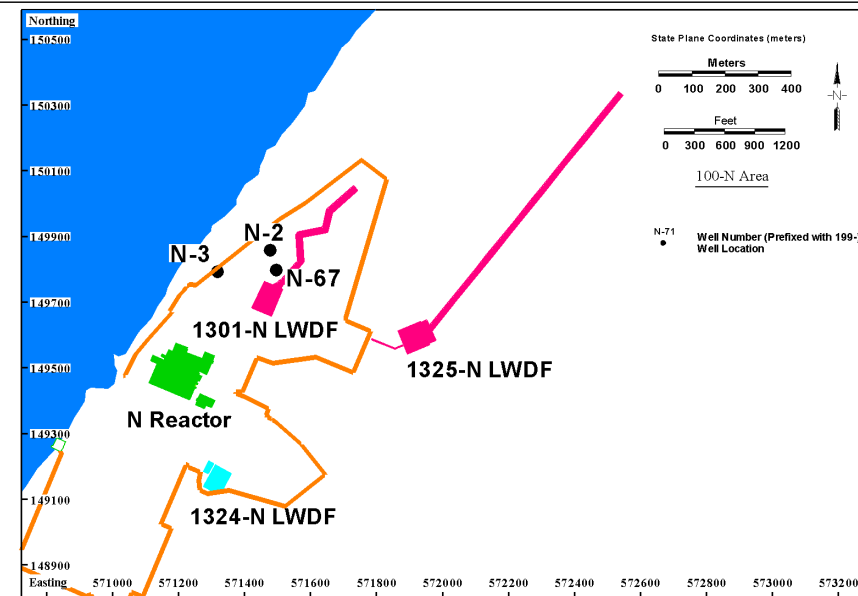
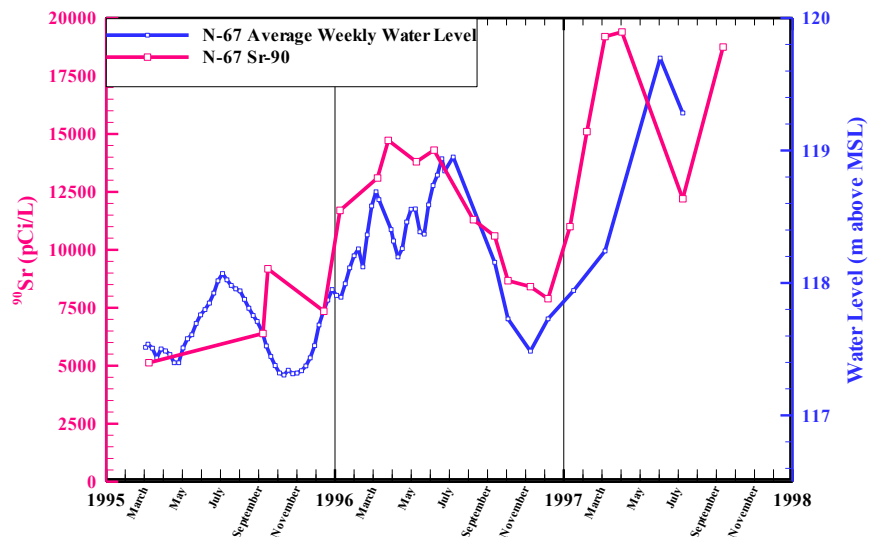
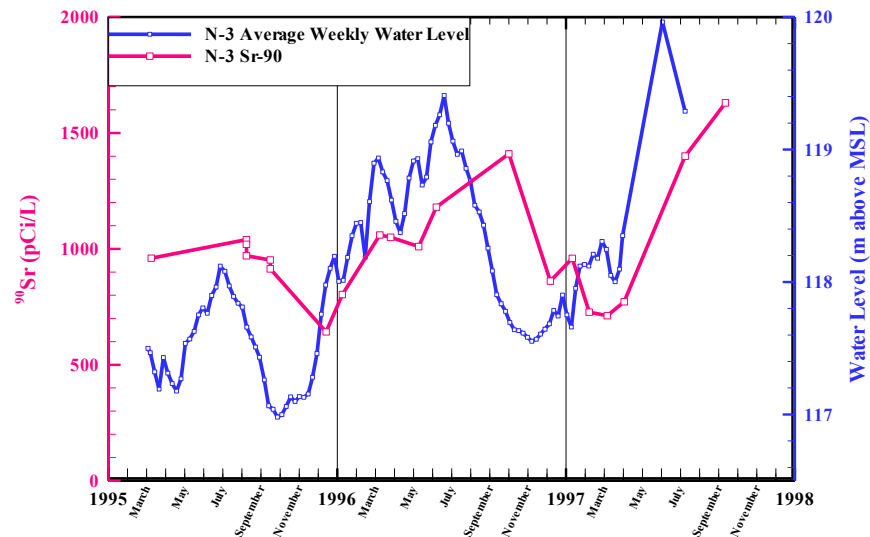
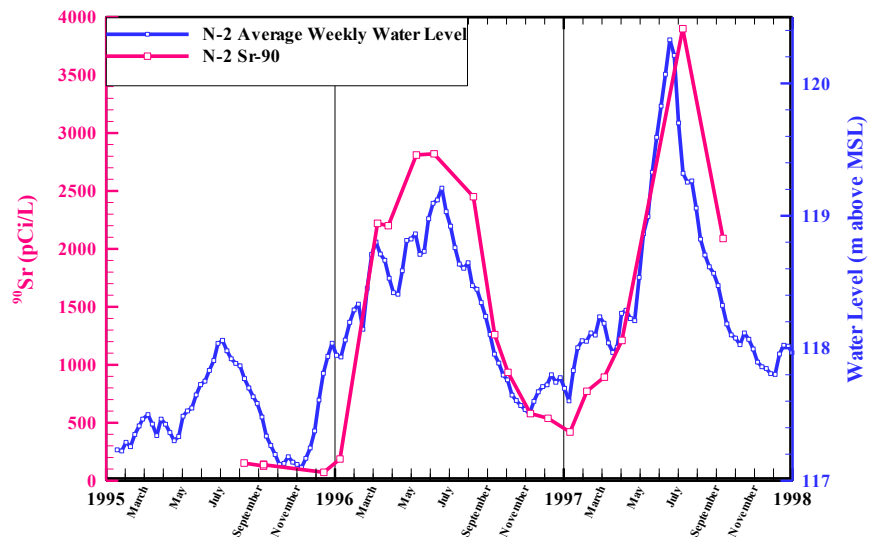
## 1301-N LWDF

Radionuclide	Half-Life (Yr)	Inventory (Ci) 1995
Tritium	12.7	1803
Cobalt-60	5.2	1095
Strontium-90	29	1630
Ruthenium-106	1	0
Cesium-134	2.1	2
Cesium-137	30.2	1857
Plutonium-239	24,111	18

## 1325-N LWDF

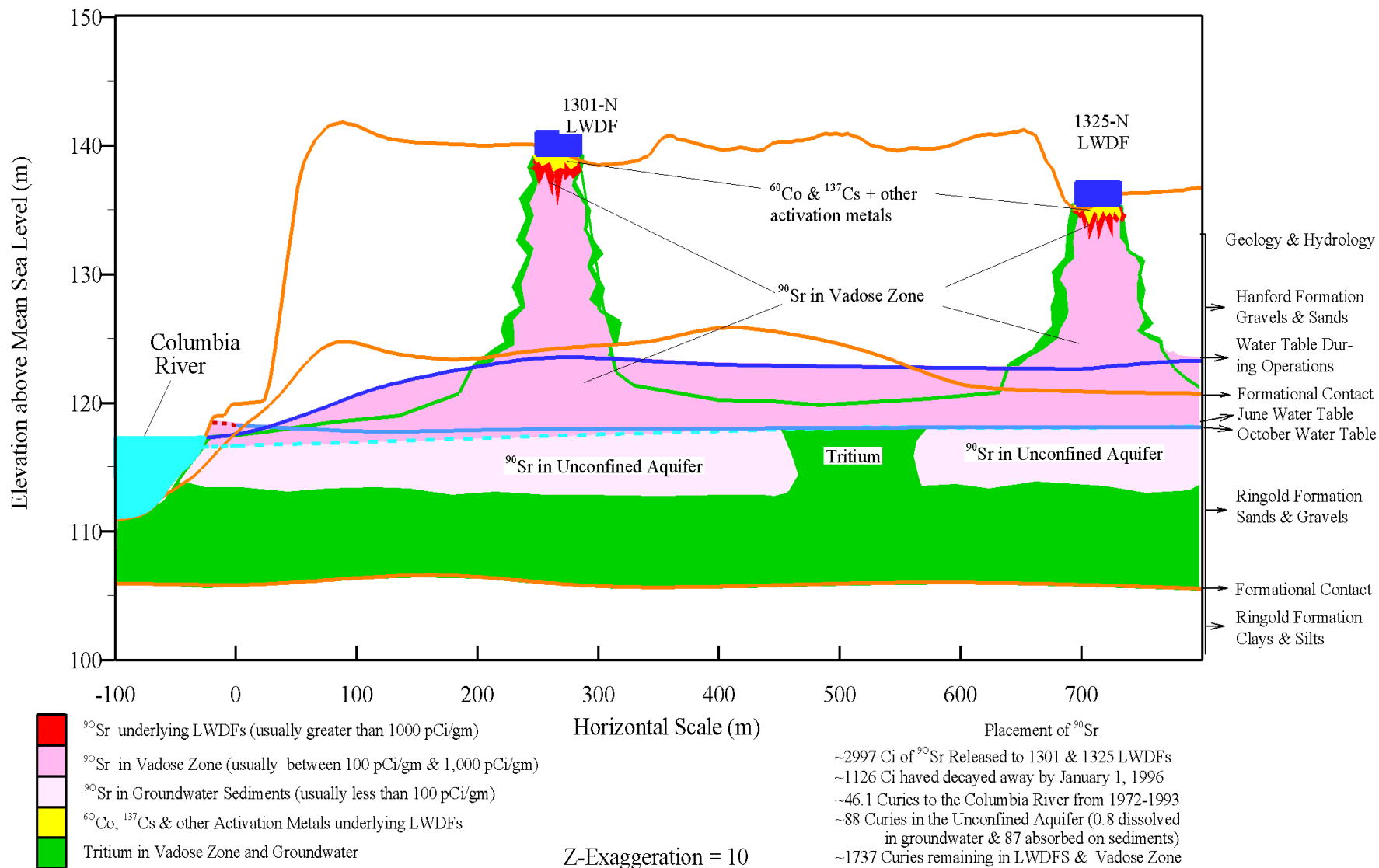
Radionuclide	Half-Life (Yr)	Inventory (Ci) 1995
Tritium	12.7	421
Cobalt-60	5.2	416
Strontium-90	29	236
Ruthenium-106	1	0
Cesium-134	2.1	1
Cesium-137	30.2	391
Plutonium-239	24,111	3

# Impacts of Flood Events on Sr-90 in Groundwater





# 100-N Conceptual Model



## Geochemistry of Stontium-90, cont'd

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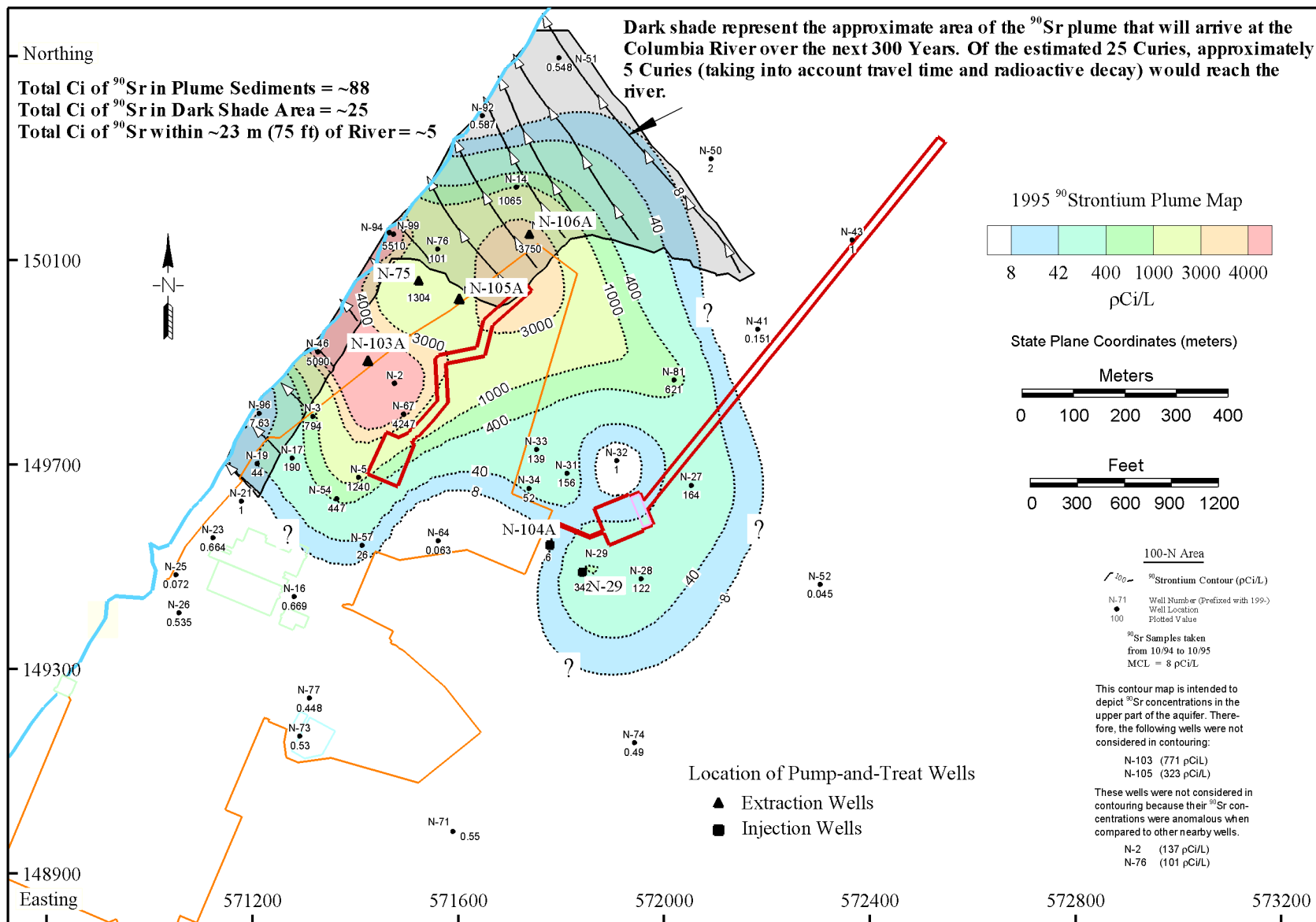
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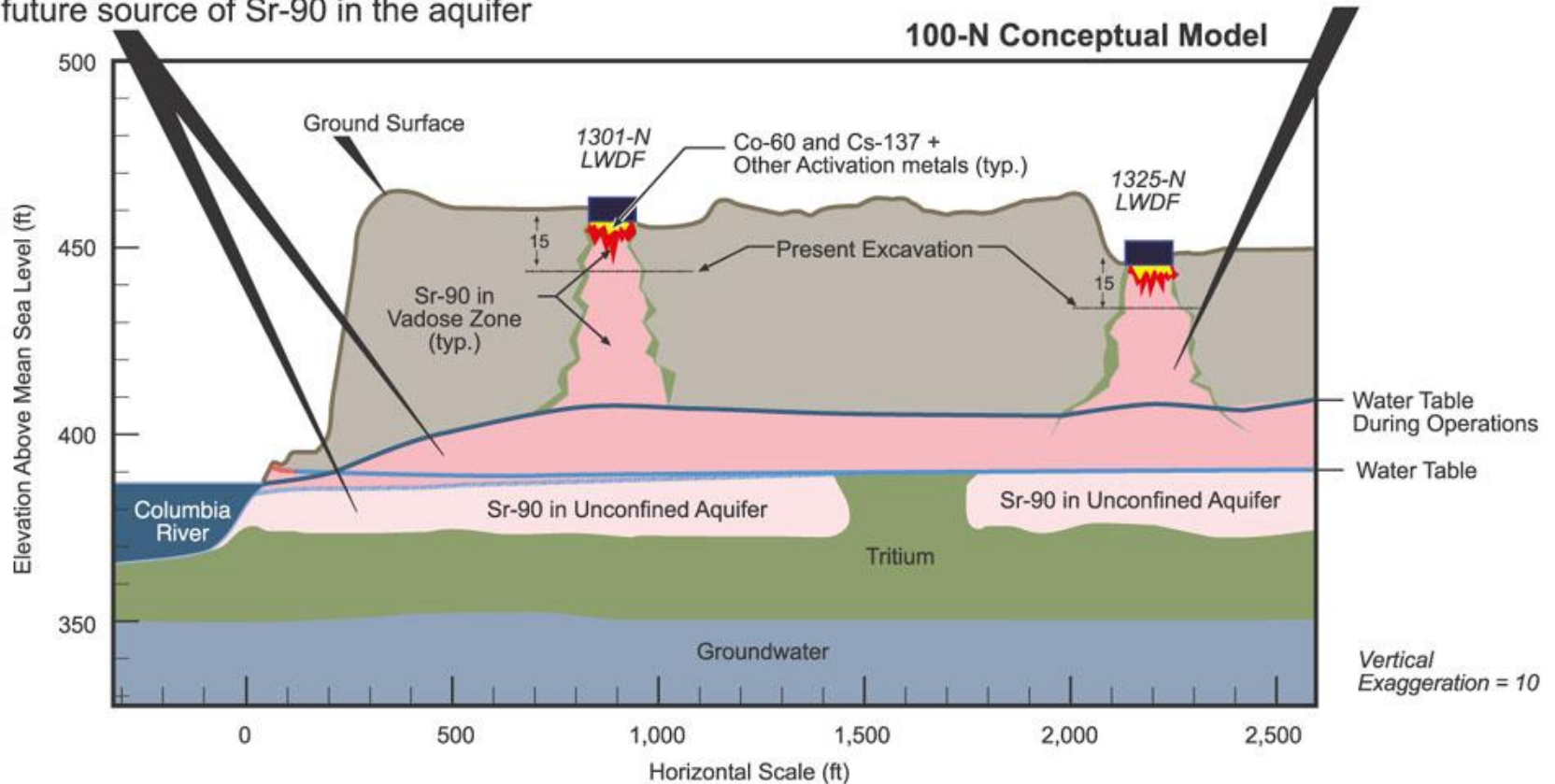
# Conceptual Model for 100- N Area cont'd



# Further excavation will have no meaningful impact on the Sr-90 groundwater plume, and will not benefit human health or the environment

1301-N and 1325-N Liquid Waste Disposal Facility operations resulted in a “pancake” of Sr-90 contaminated soils and aquifer matrix that runs from the trenches to the Columbia River – this is the current and future source of Sr-90 in the aquifer

Sr-90 remaining in the vadose zone below the 1301-N and 1325-N Liquid Waste Disposal Facilities is an inconsequential contributor to groundwater contamination

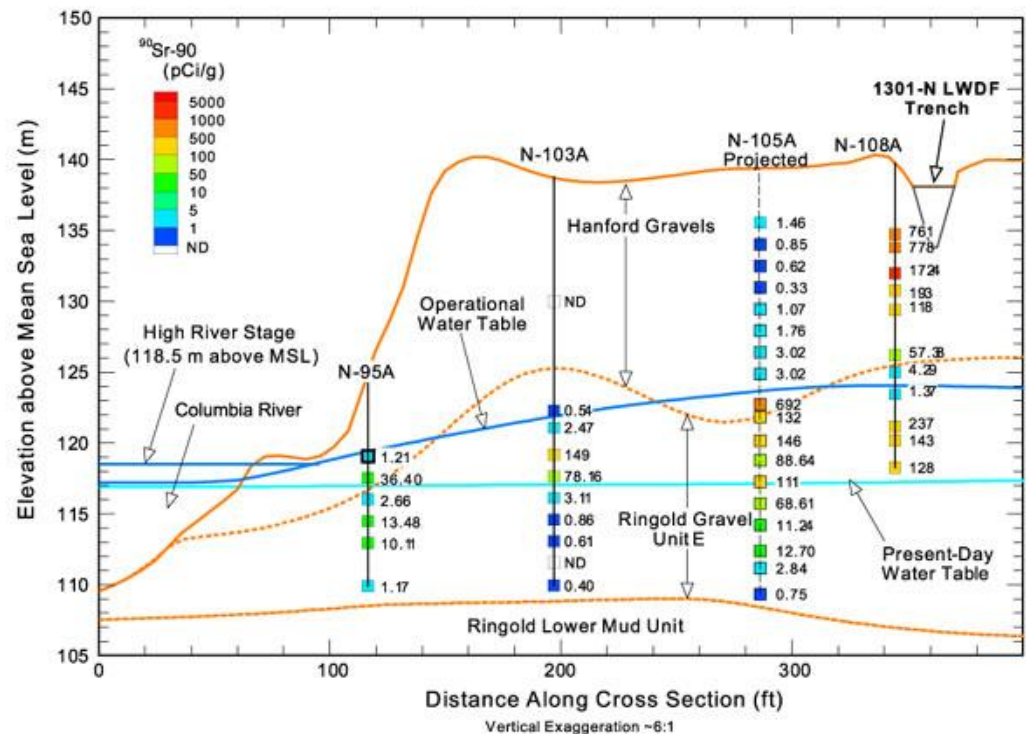




# Excavation and removal of all the contaminated soils from the trenches to the river will not result in cleaning up the aquifer

- A concentration of  $>0.12$  pCi/g Sr-90 in the wetted soils of the aquifer will exceed the drinking water standard of 8 pCi/L
- This level is exceeded between the trenches and the Columbia River

## Sr-90 Concentration Levels on Soils in Nearby Wells



## Geochemistry of Strontium-90

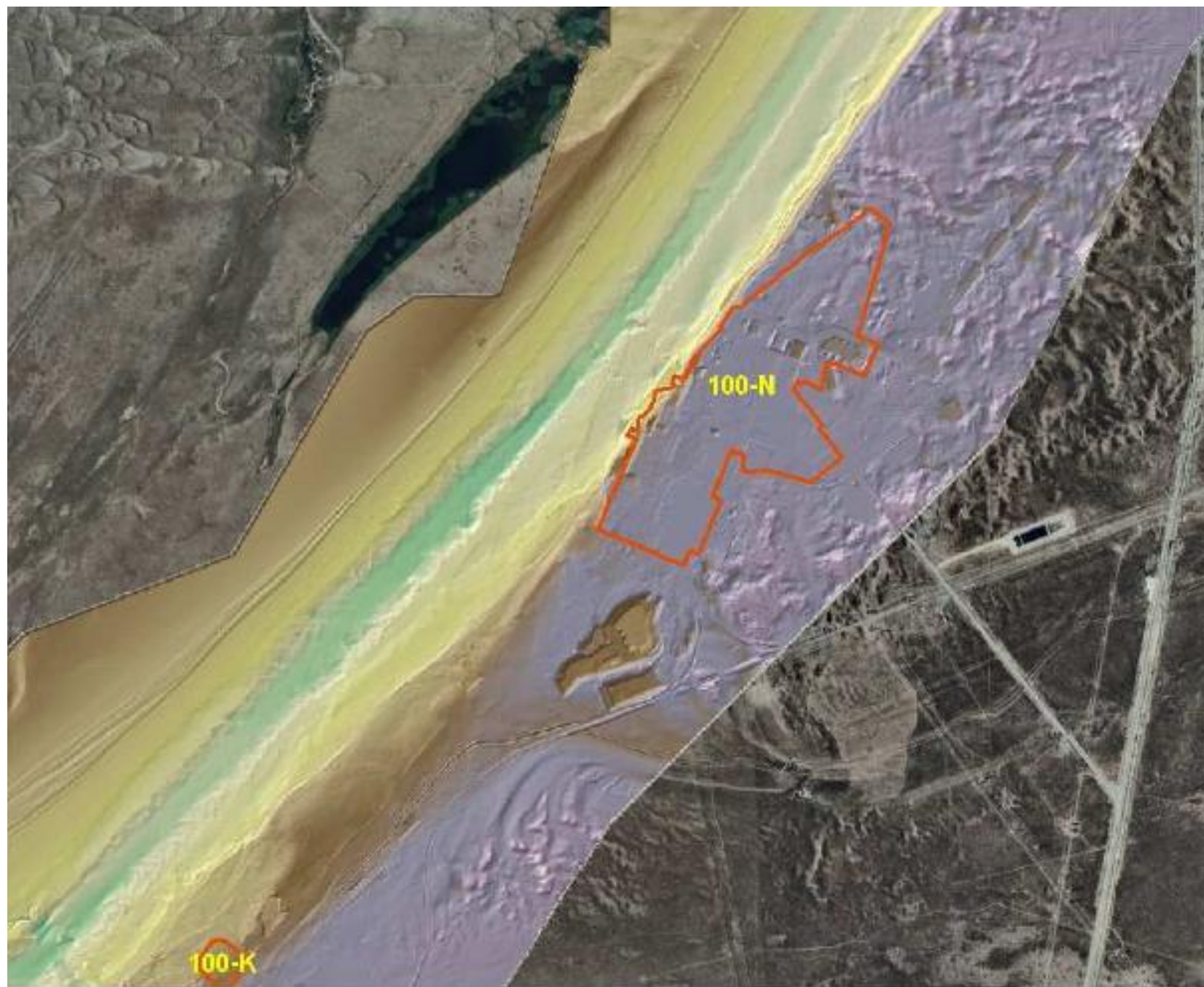
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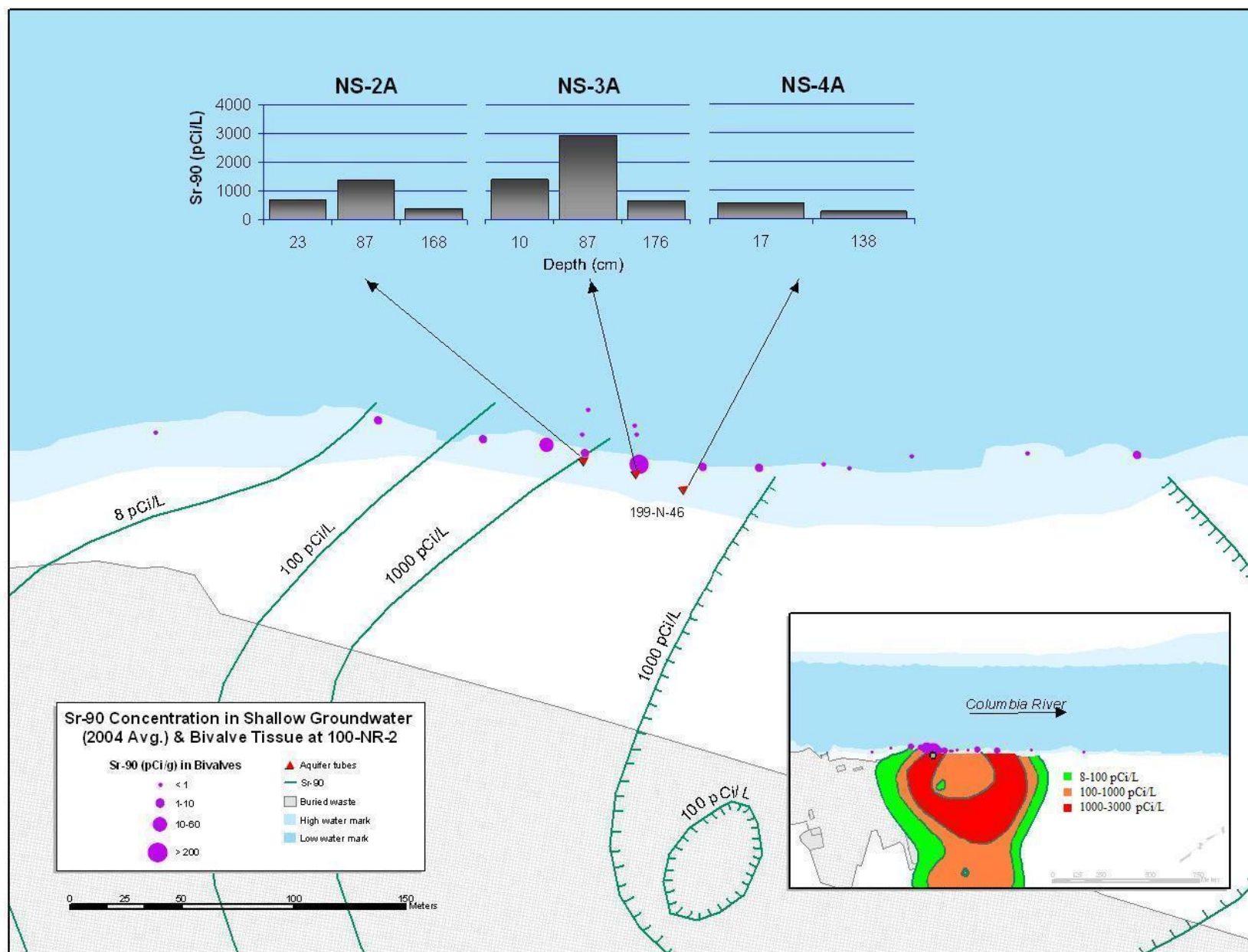
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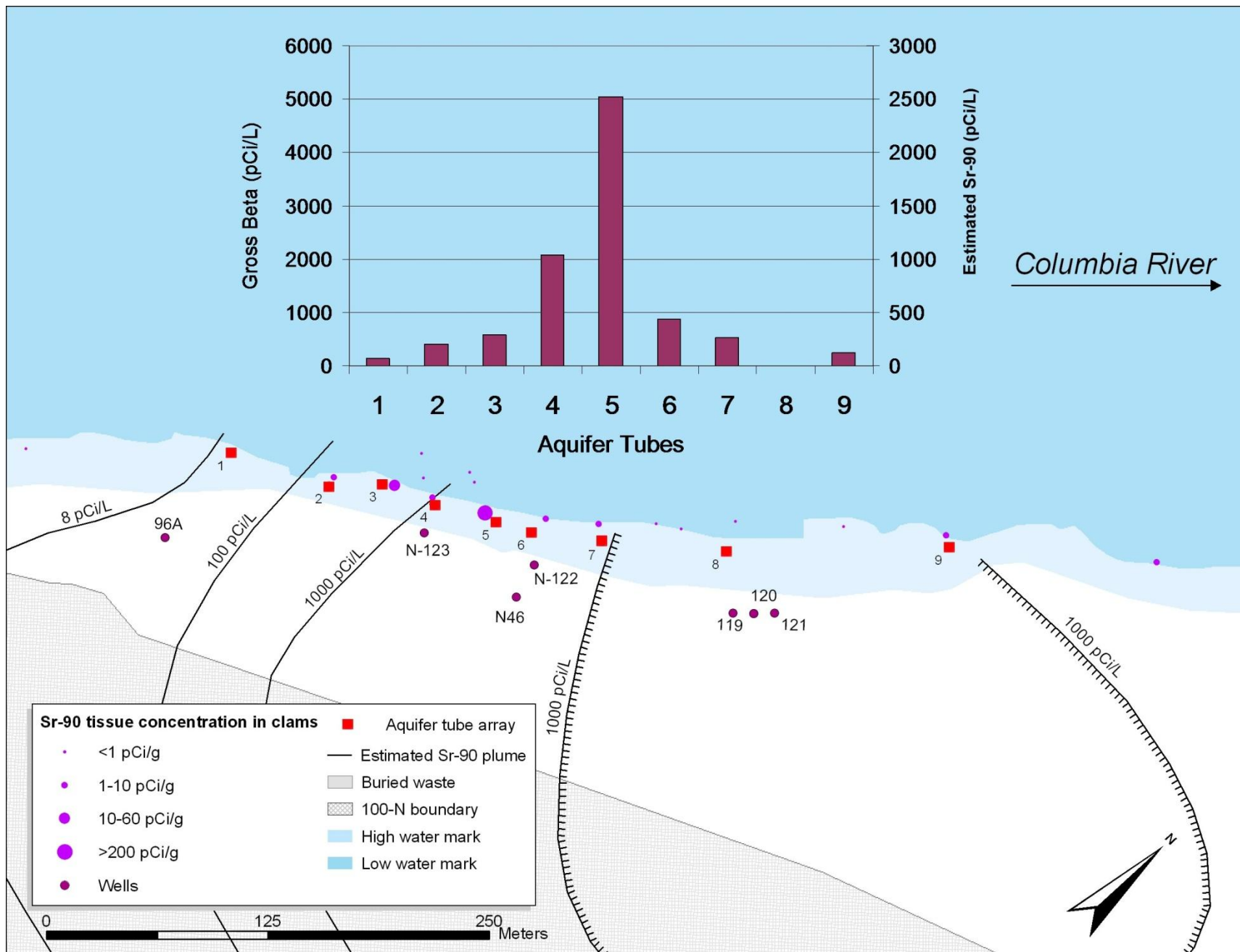
# Effects of Natural Radioactive Decay

- Sr-90 Half-Life is 28.6 years.
- 50% reduction of Sr-90 in soils and groundwater in less than 30 years
- 90% reduction of Sr-90 in soils and groundwater in less than 95 years













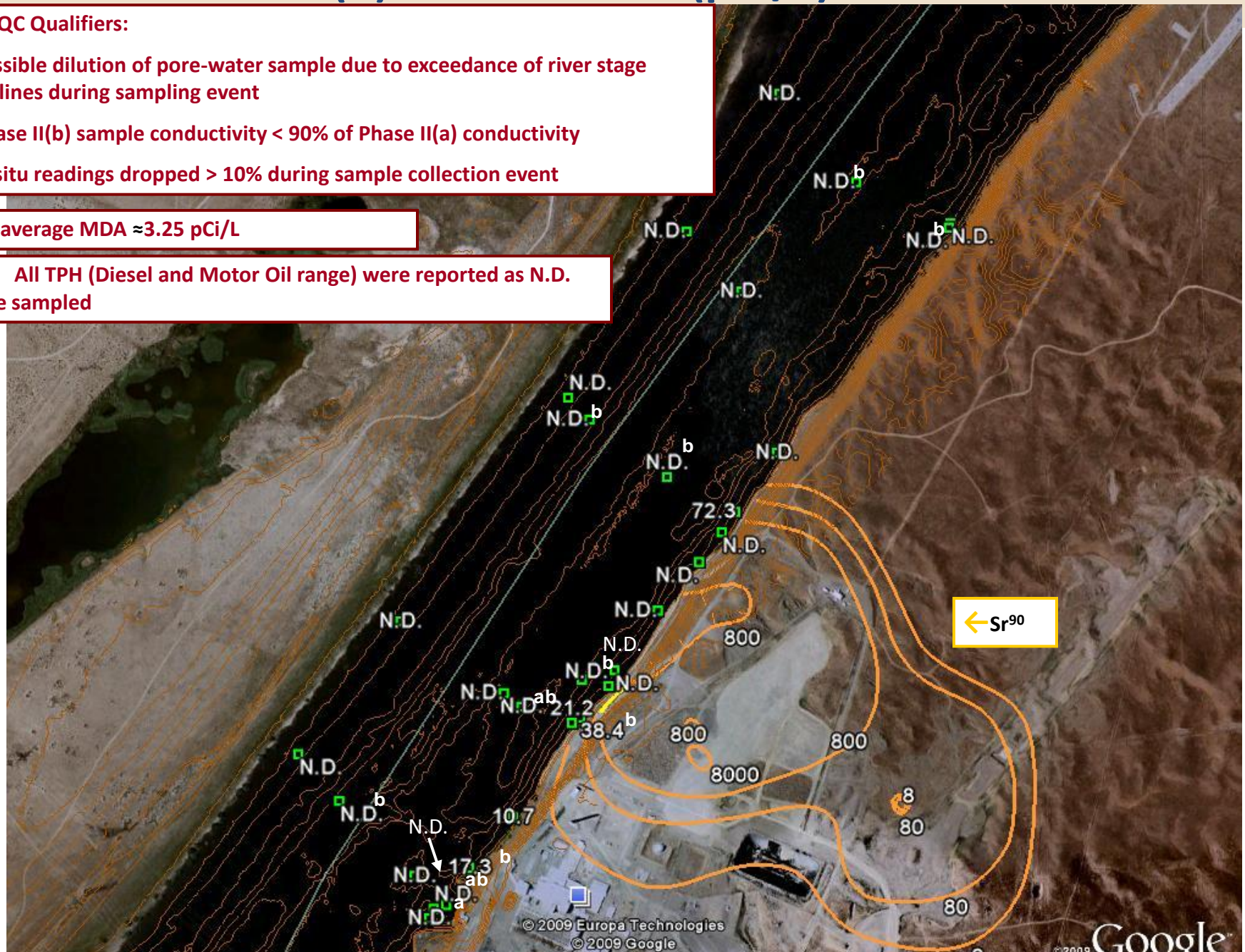
## Phase II(b) Sr-90 Results (pCi/L): 100N Area

### Field QC Qualifiers:

- a) Possible dilution of pore-water sample due to exceedance of river stage guidelines during sampling event
- b) Phase II(b) sample conductivity < 90% of Phase II(a) conductivity
- c) In-situ readings dropped > 10% during sample collection event

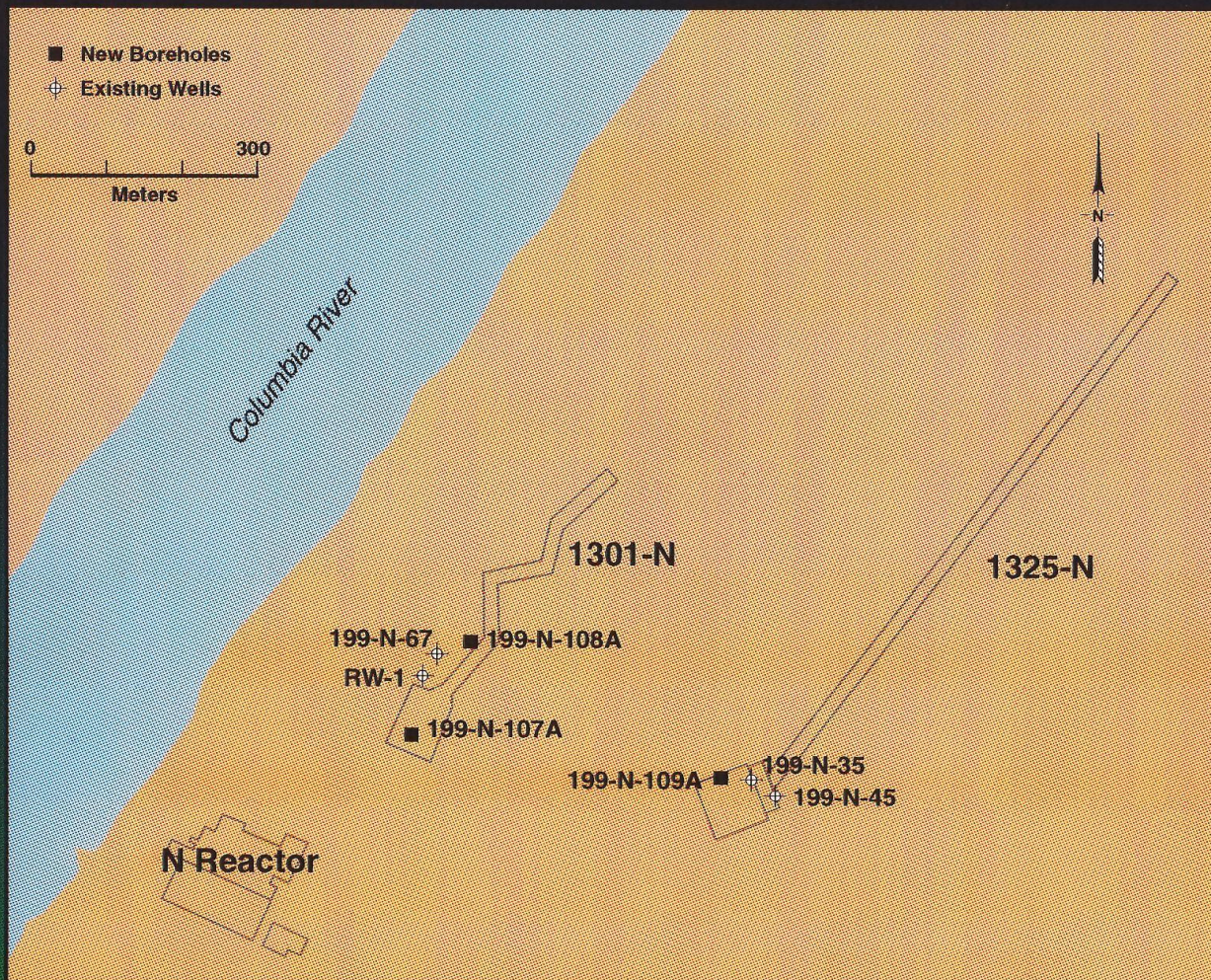
**Sr-90 average MDA  $\approx 3.25$  pCi/L**

**Note: All TPH (Diesel and Motor Oil range) were reported as N.D. where sampled**



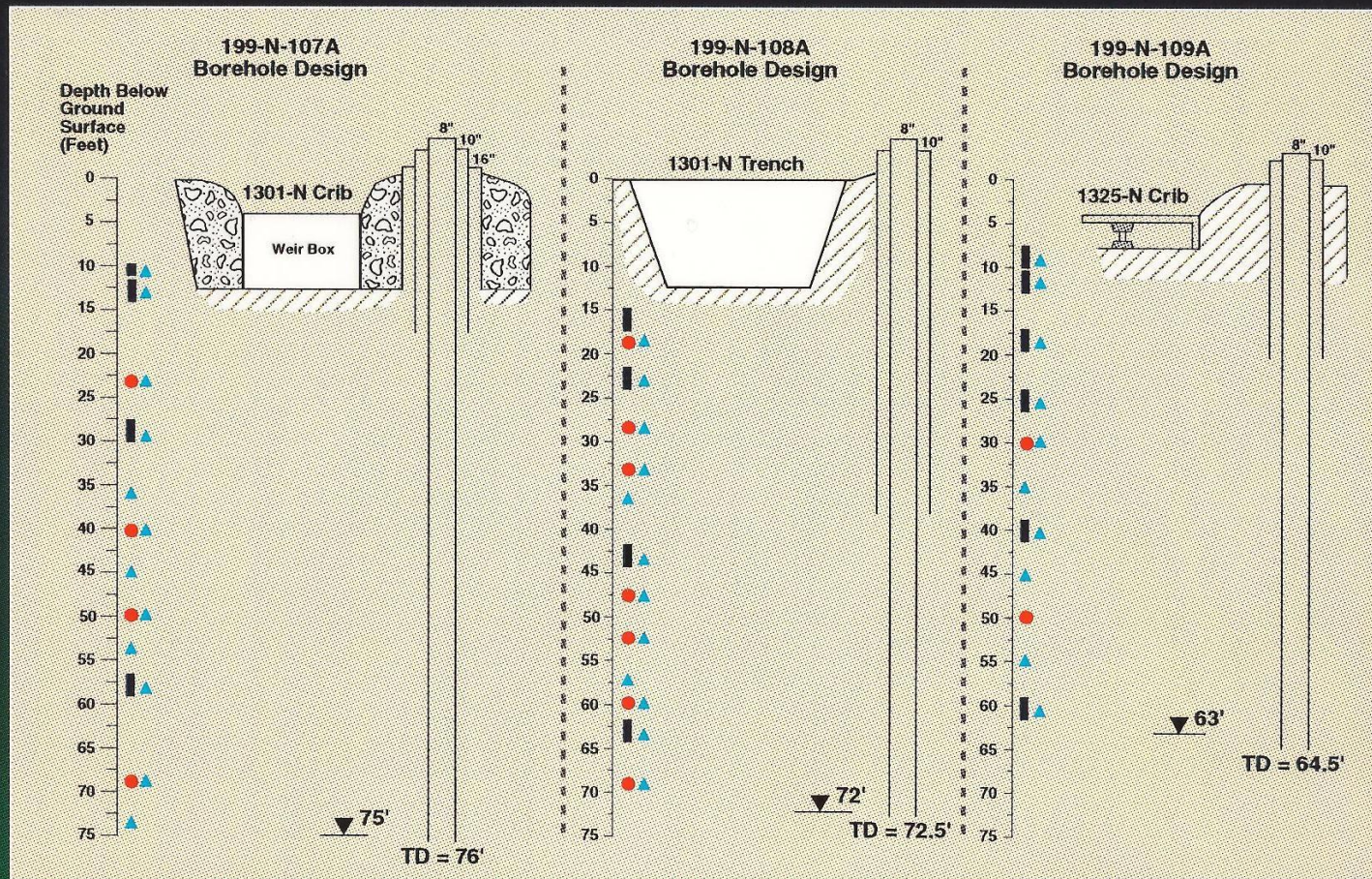
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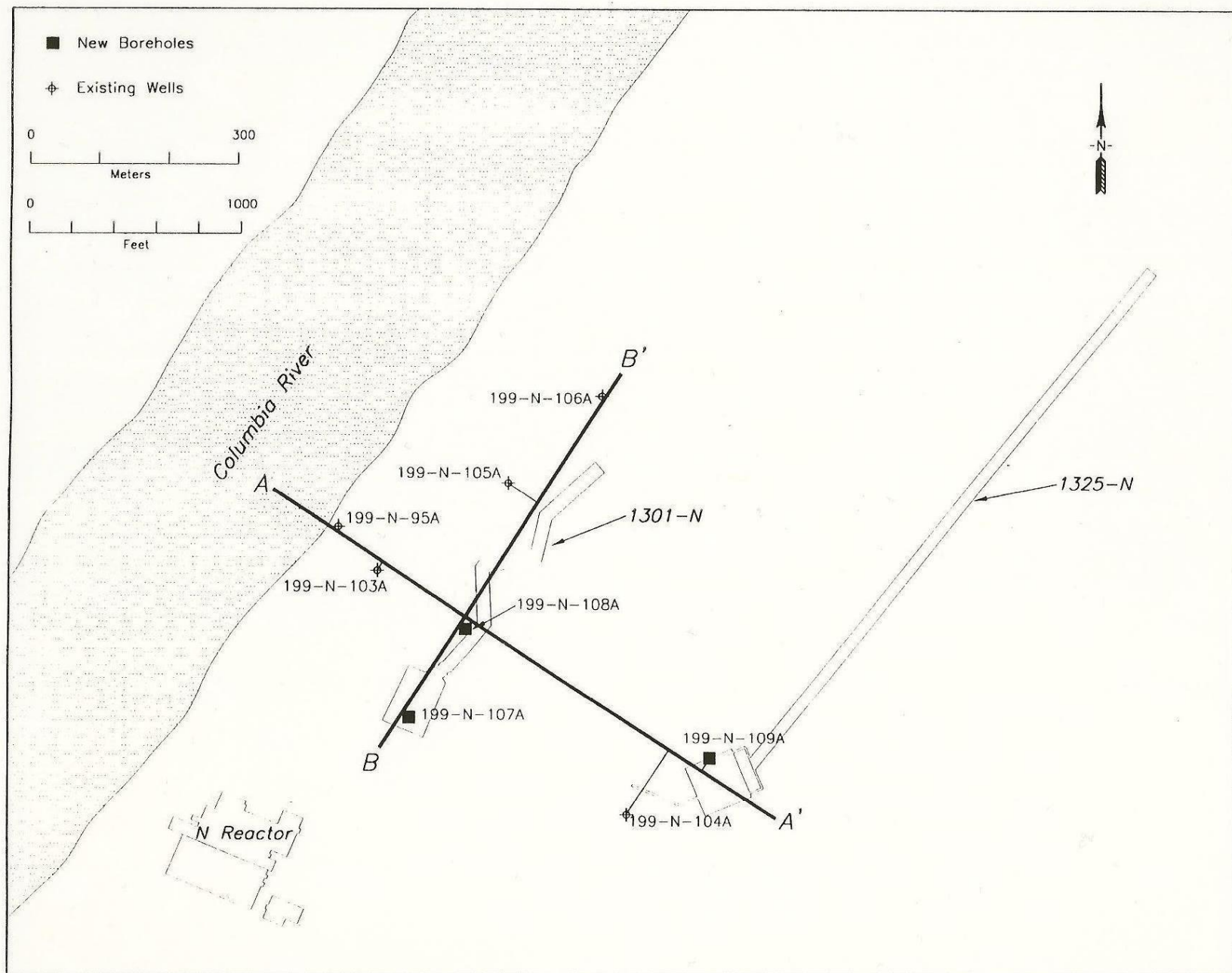
# Depths of Samples at Boreholes



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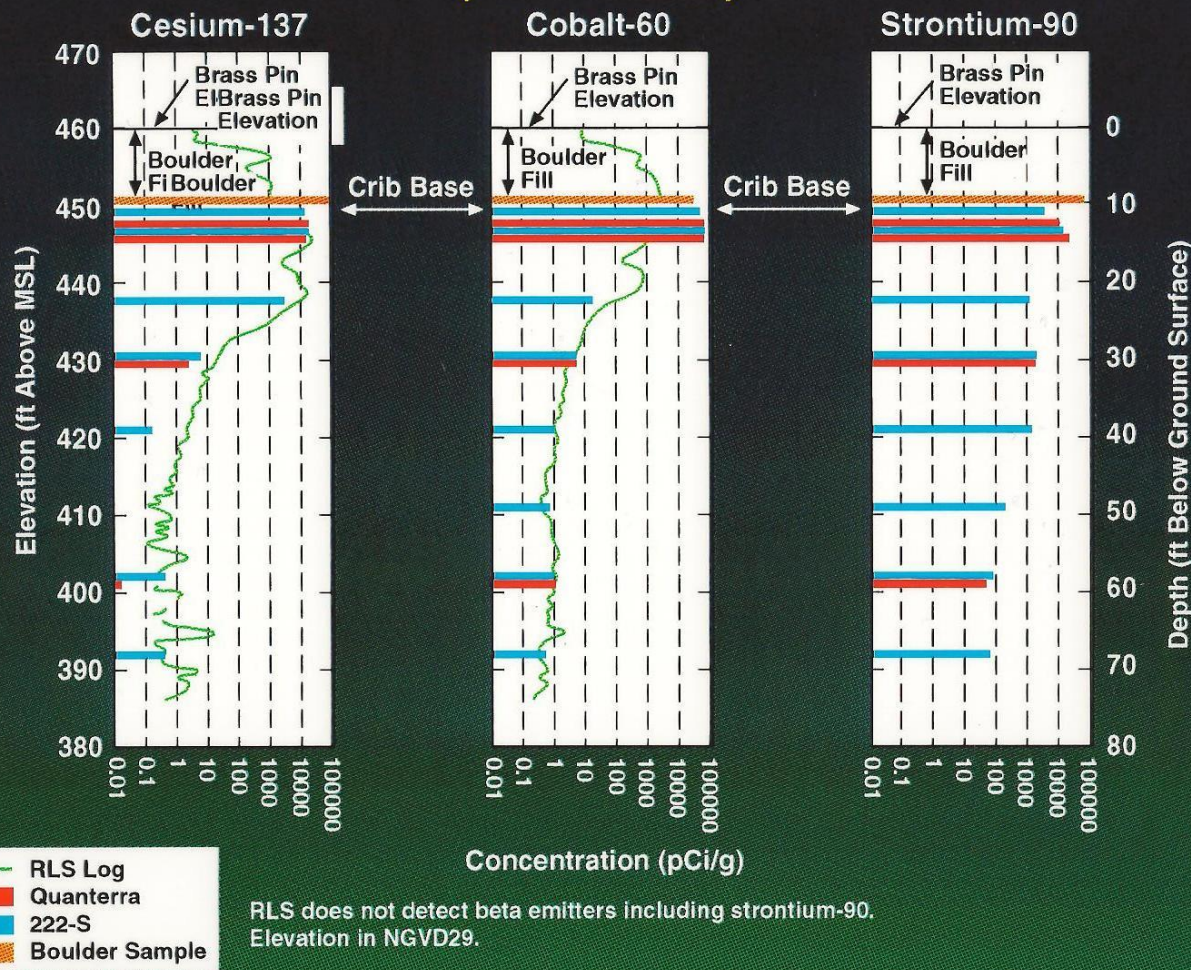
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- Soil
- Boulder Field in Crib





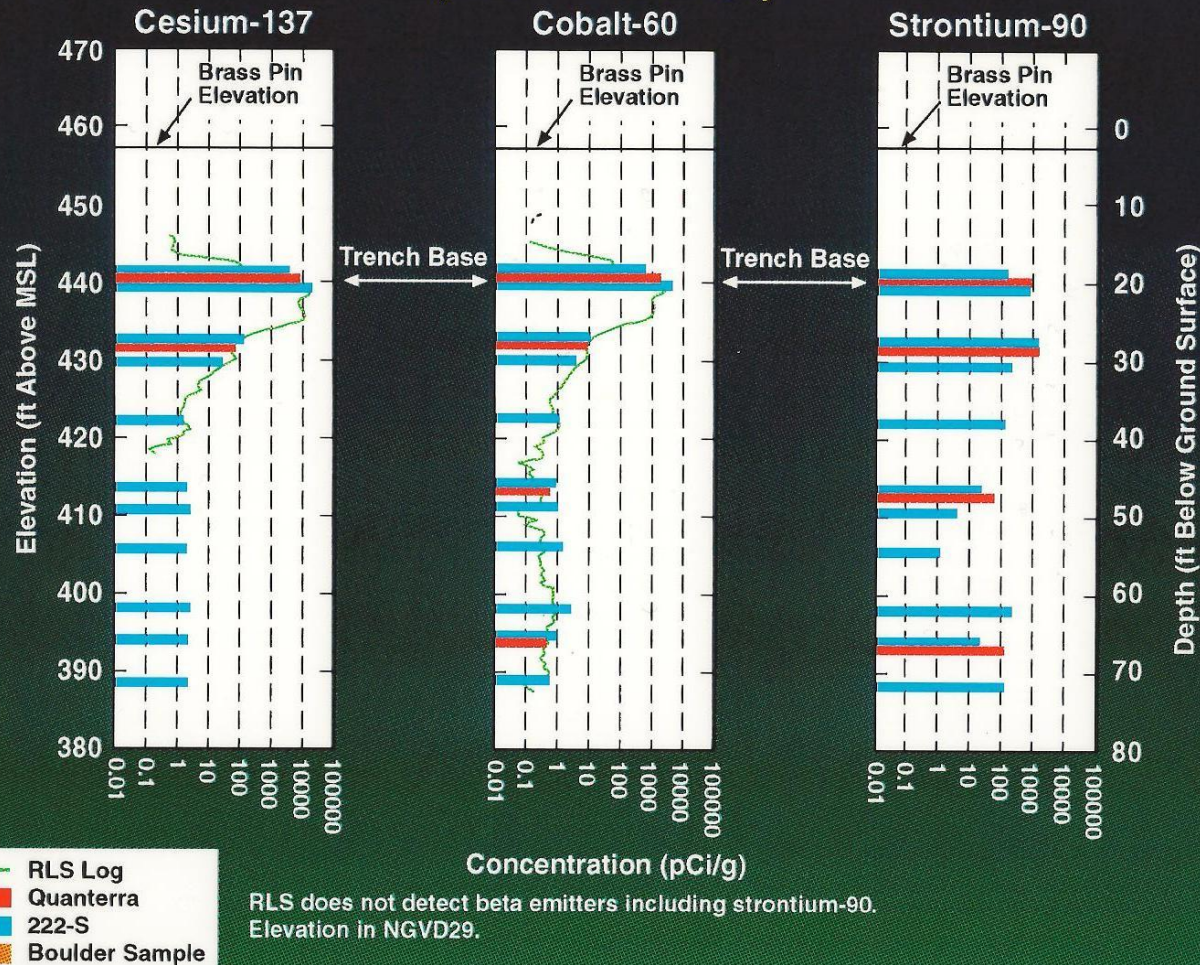


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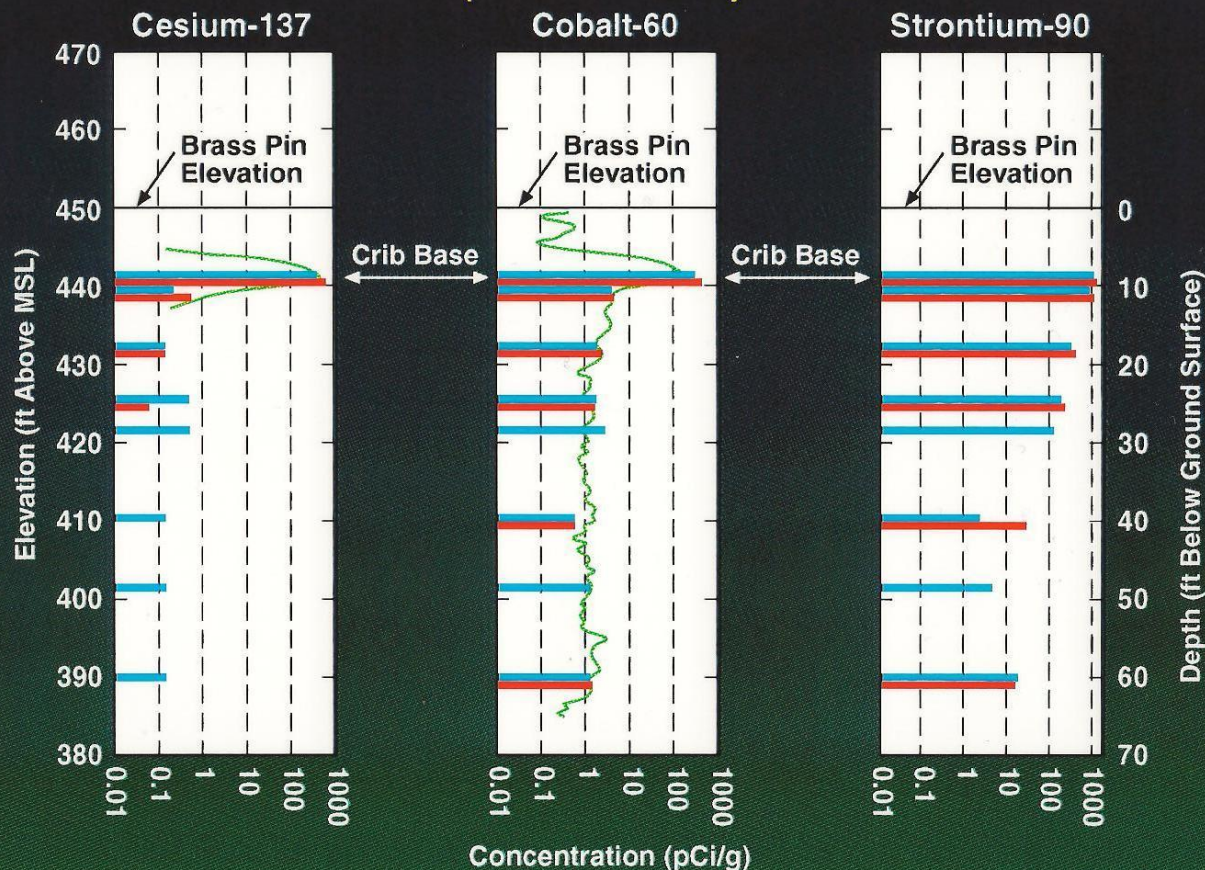


# Radionuclide Contamination with Depth, 199-N-108A (1301-N Trench)





# Radionuclide Contamination with Depth, 199-N-109A (1325-N Crib)

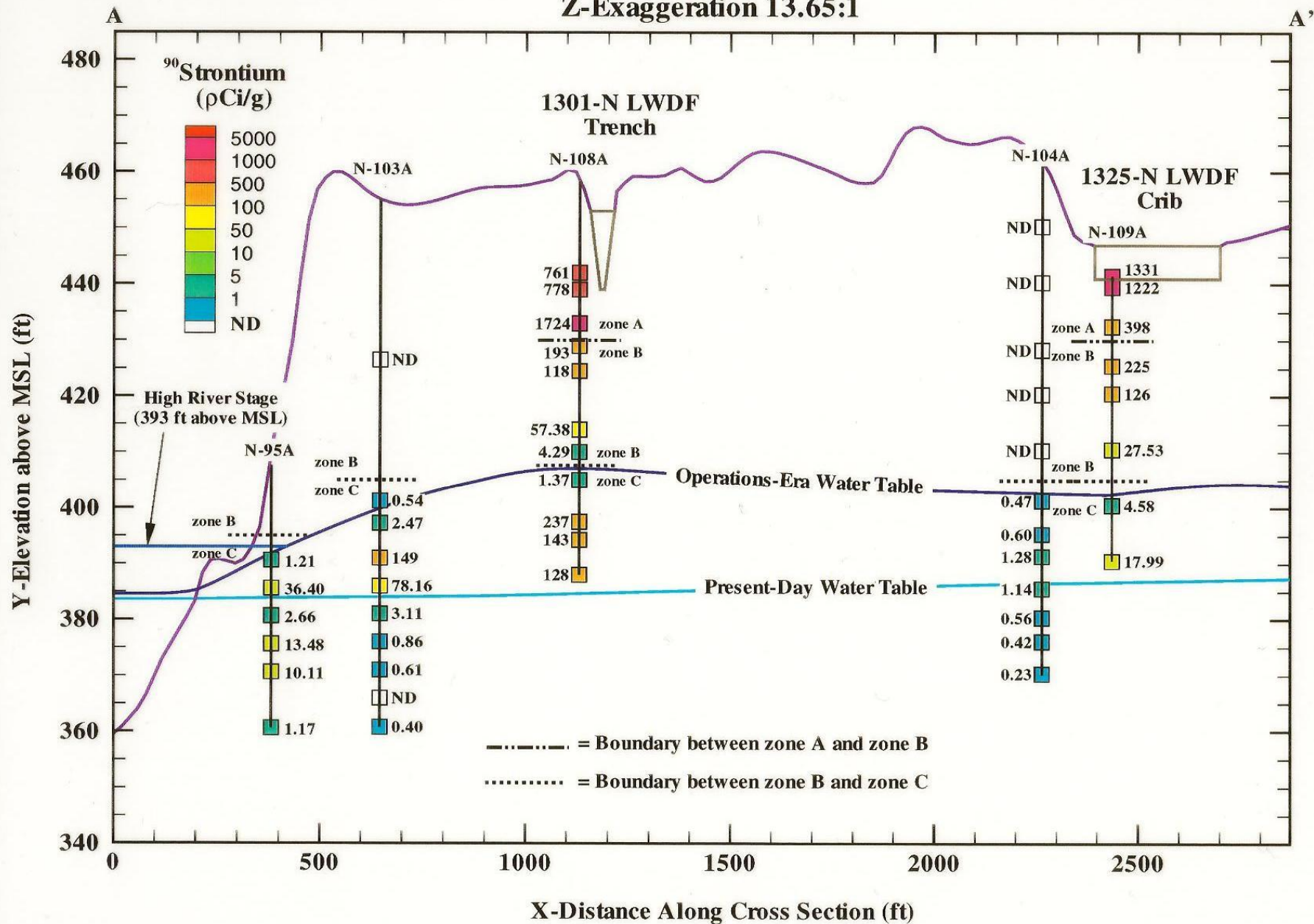


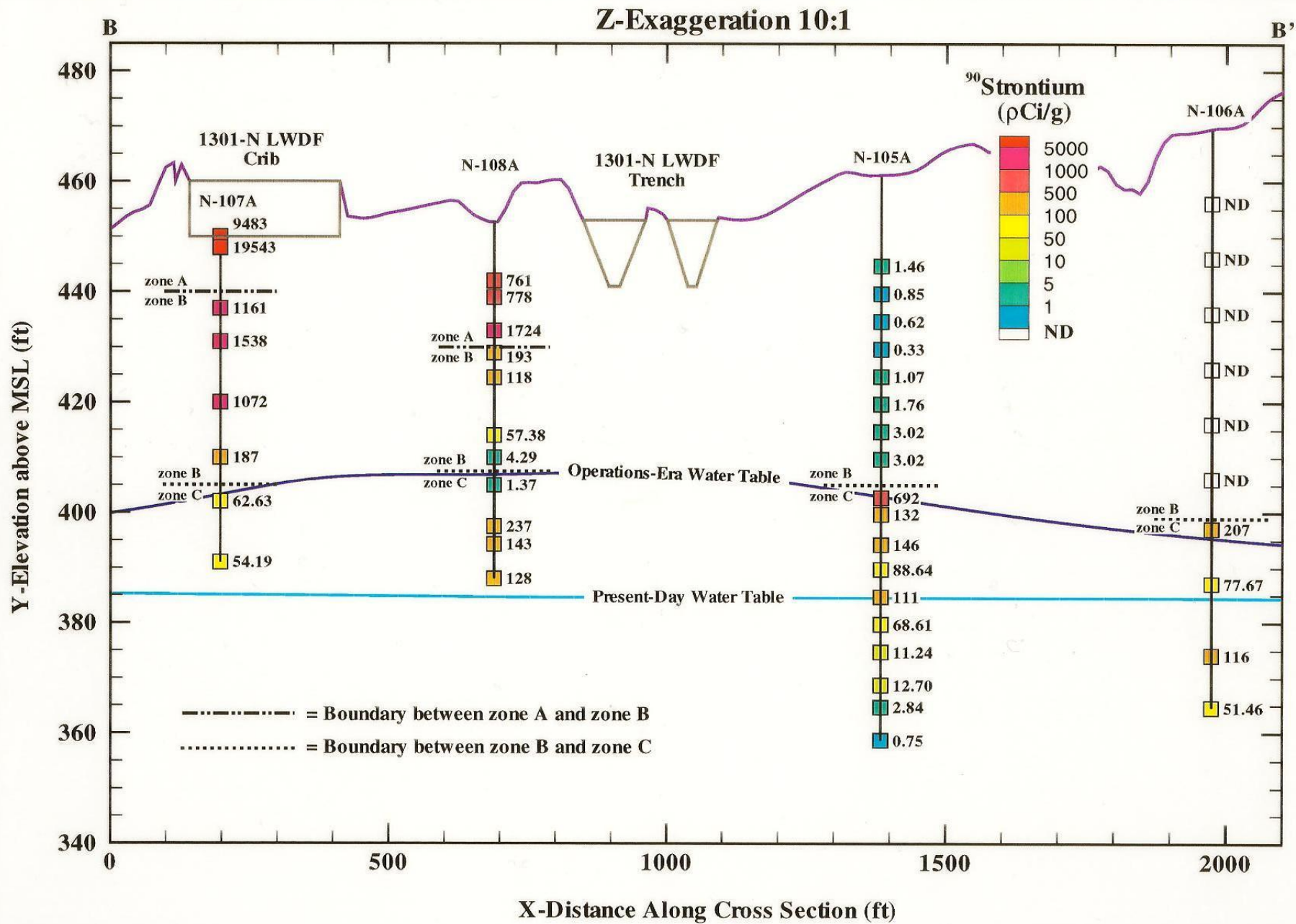
— RLS Log  
— Quanterra  
— 222-S

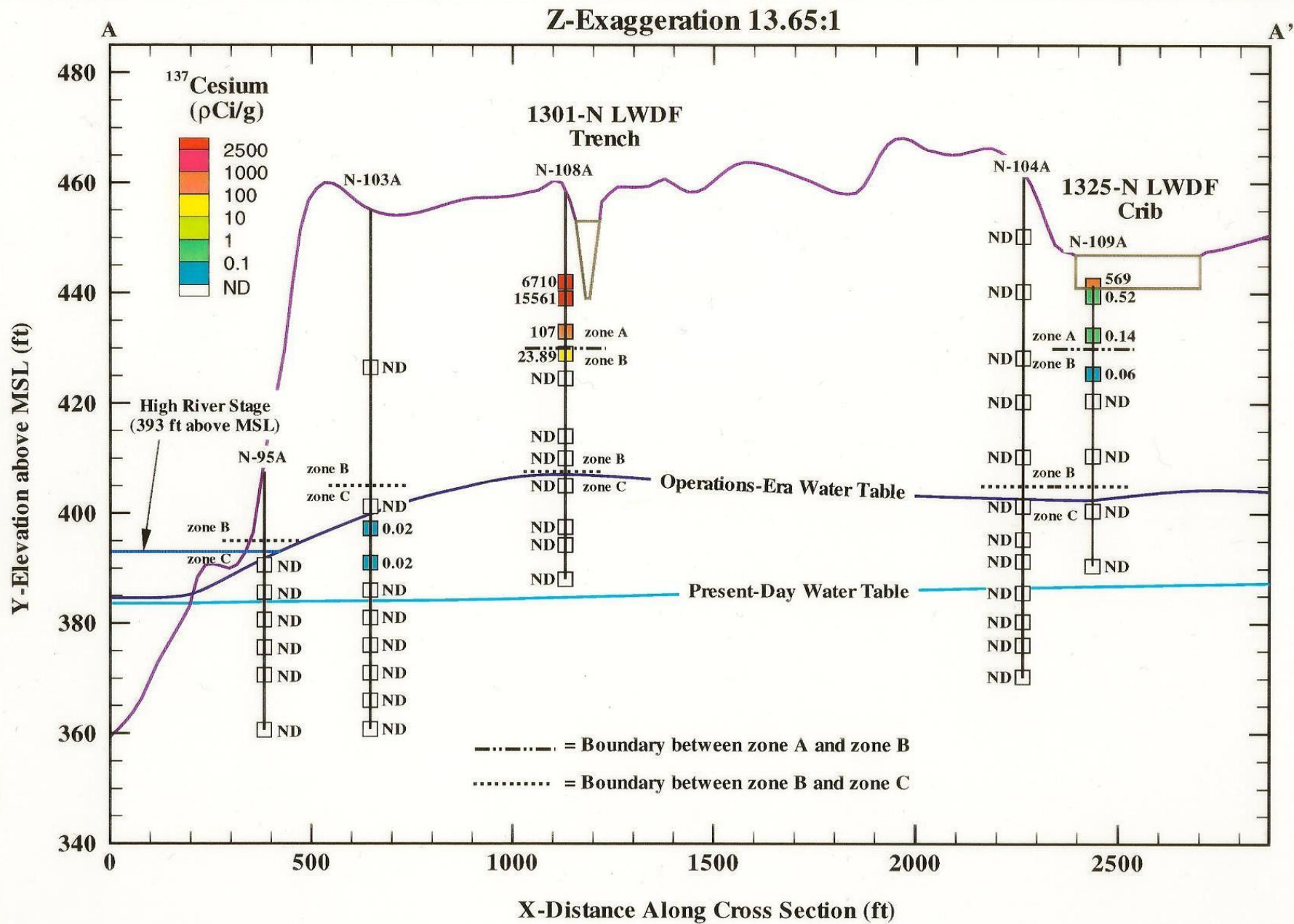
RLS does not detect beta emitters including strontium-90.  
Cesium-137 not detected on RLS log below 336 feet elevation.  
Elevation in NGVD29.



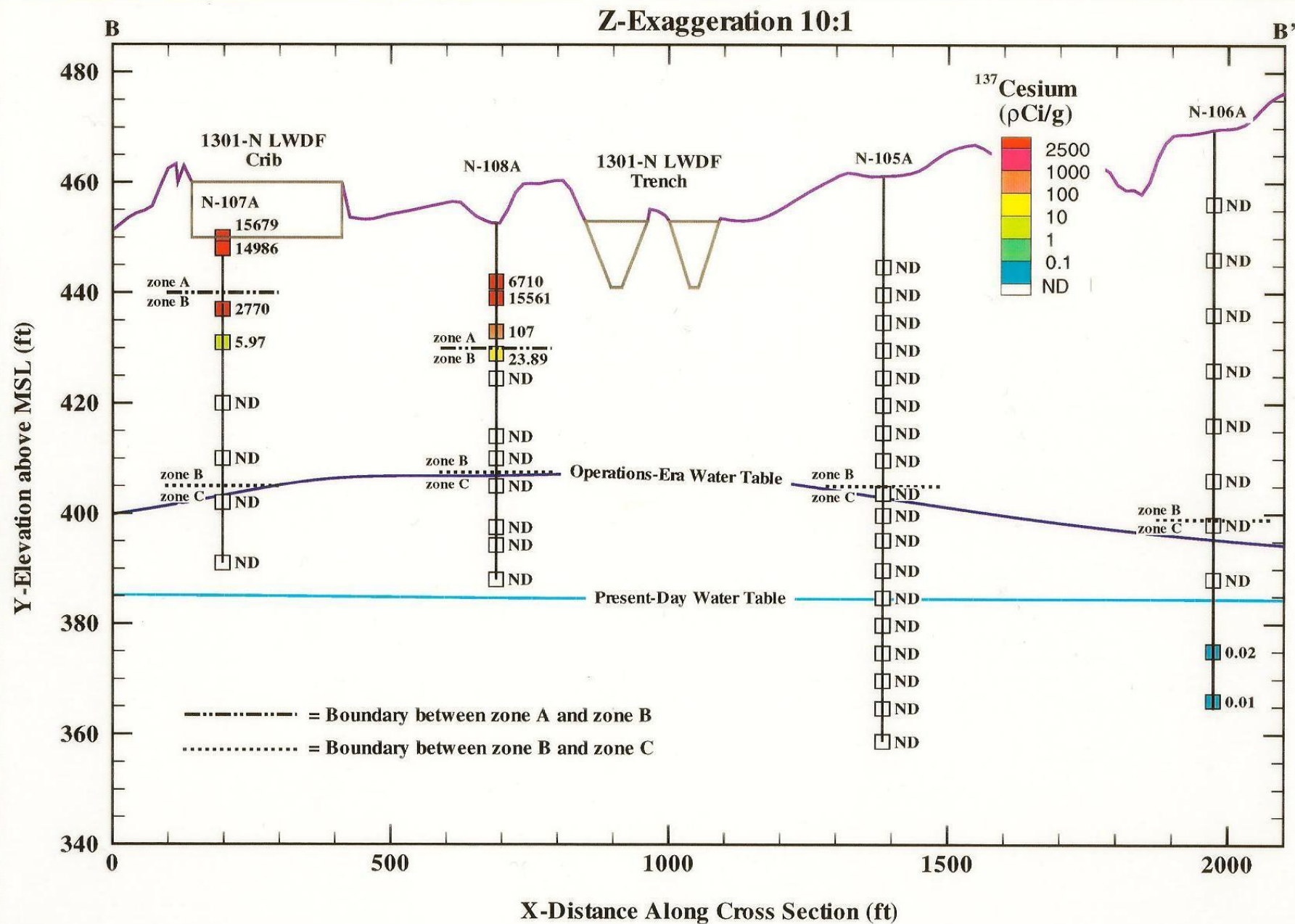
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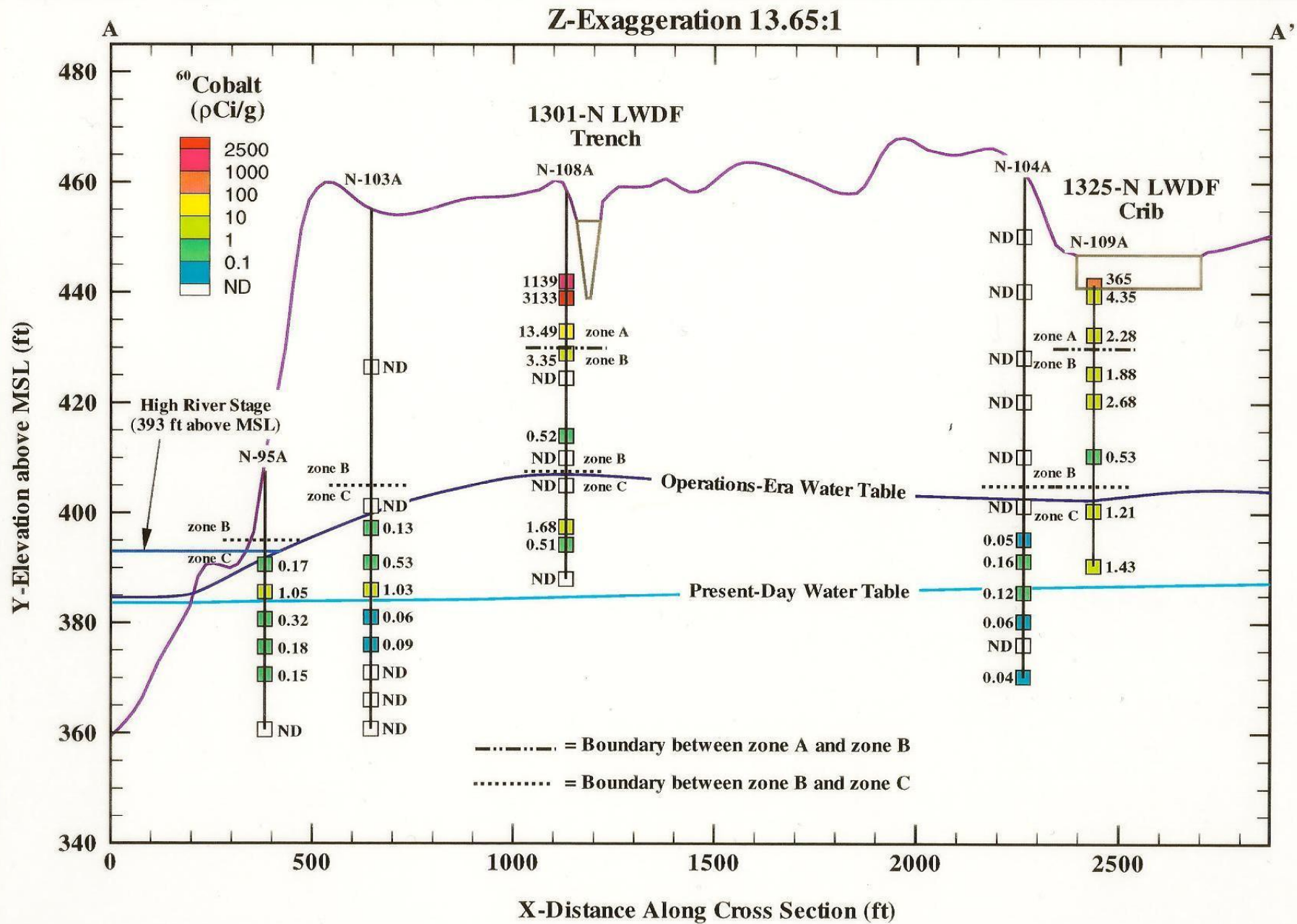


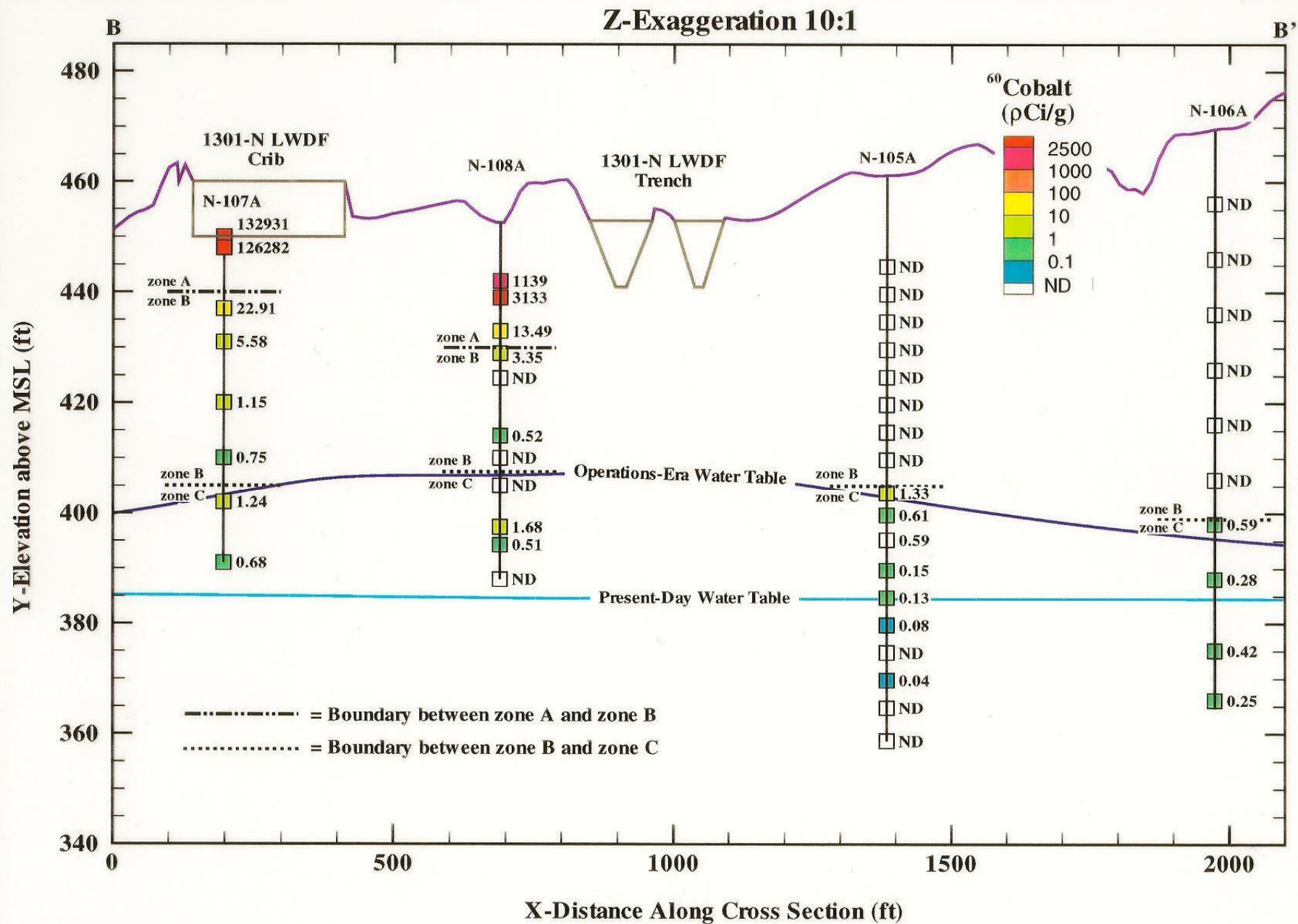




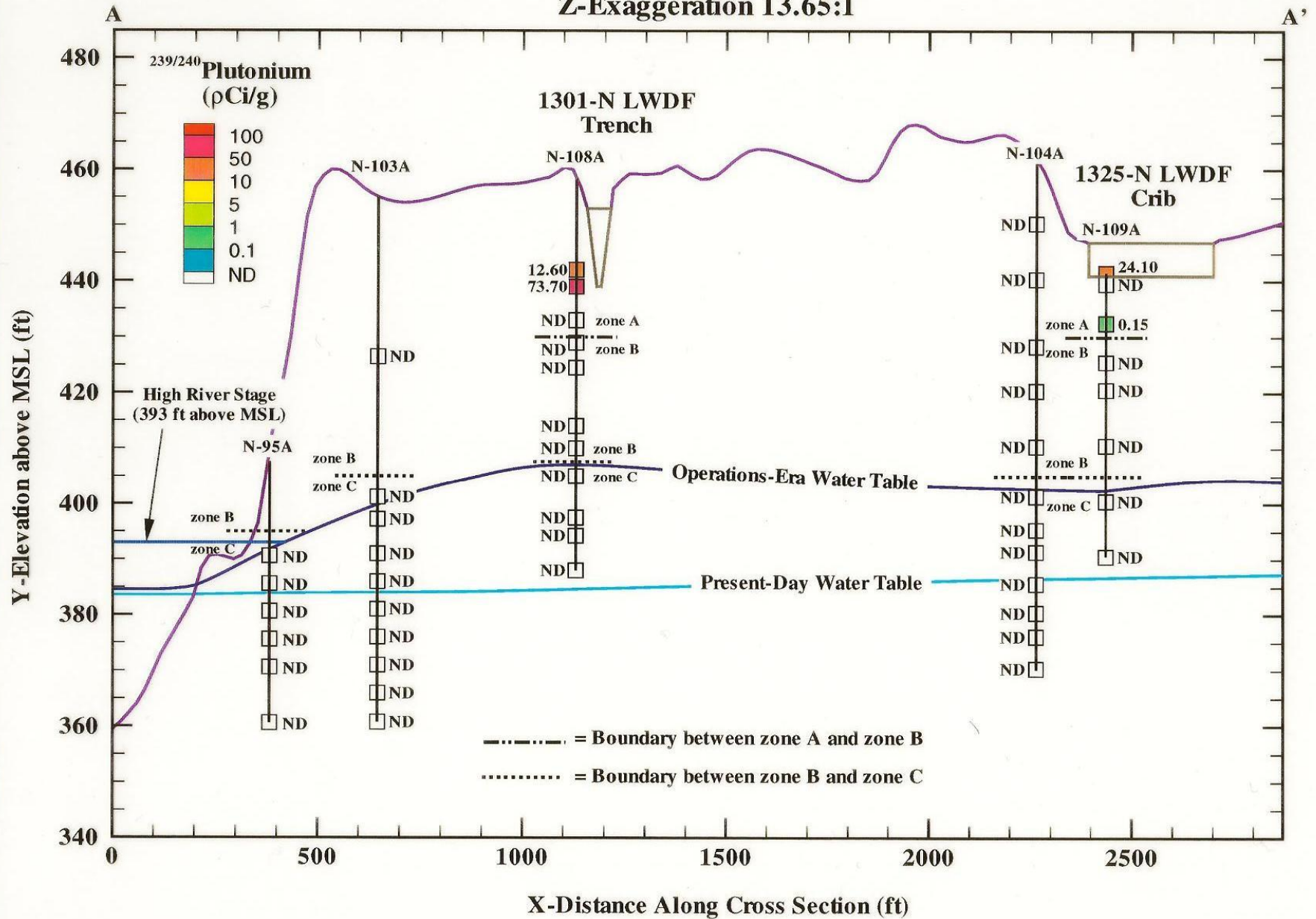






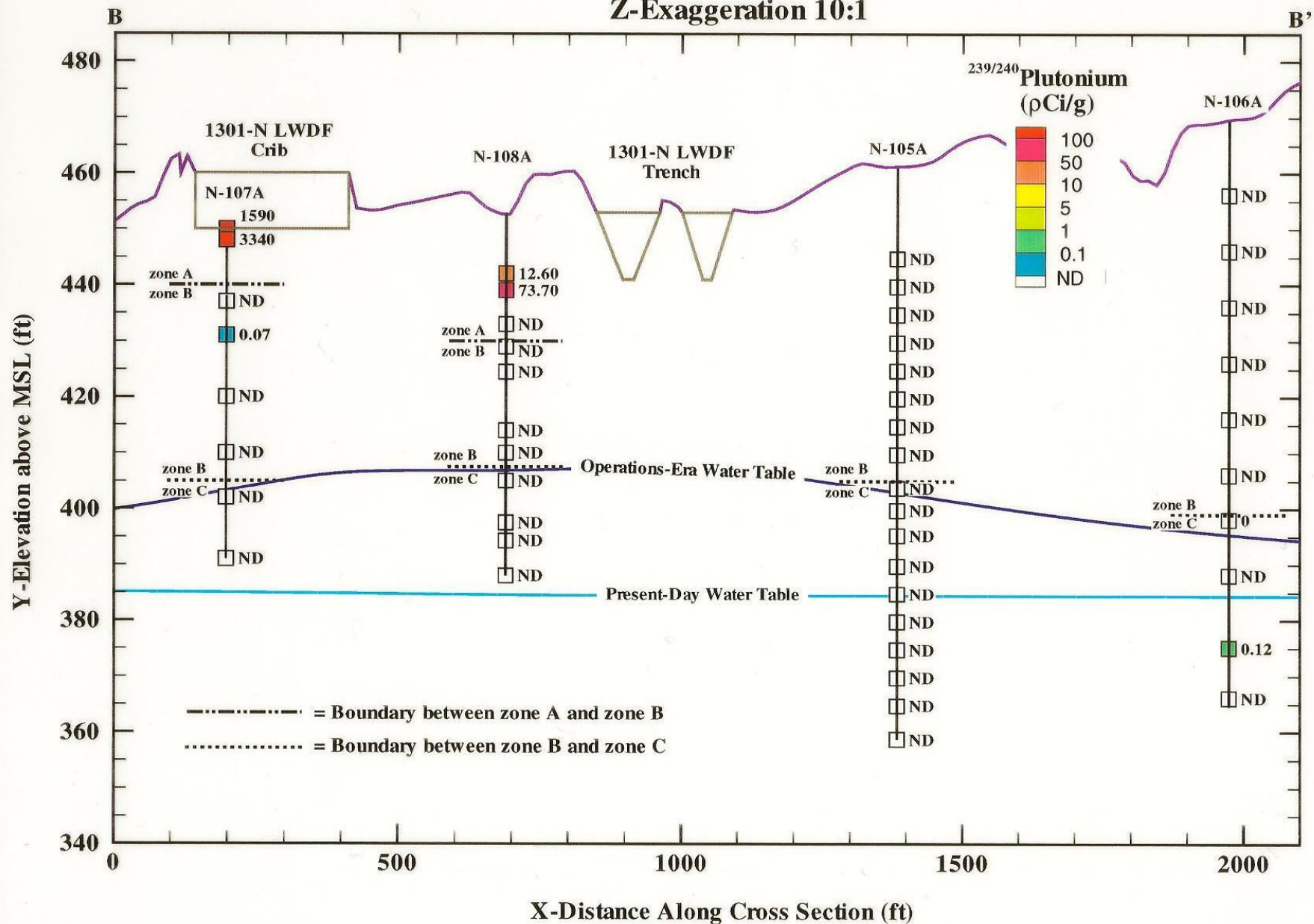


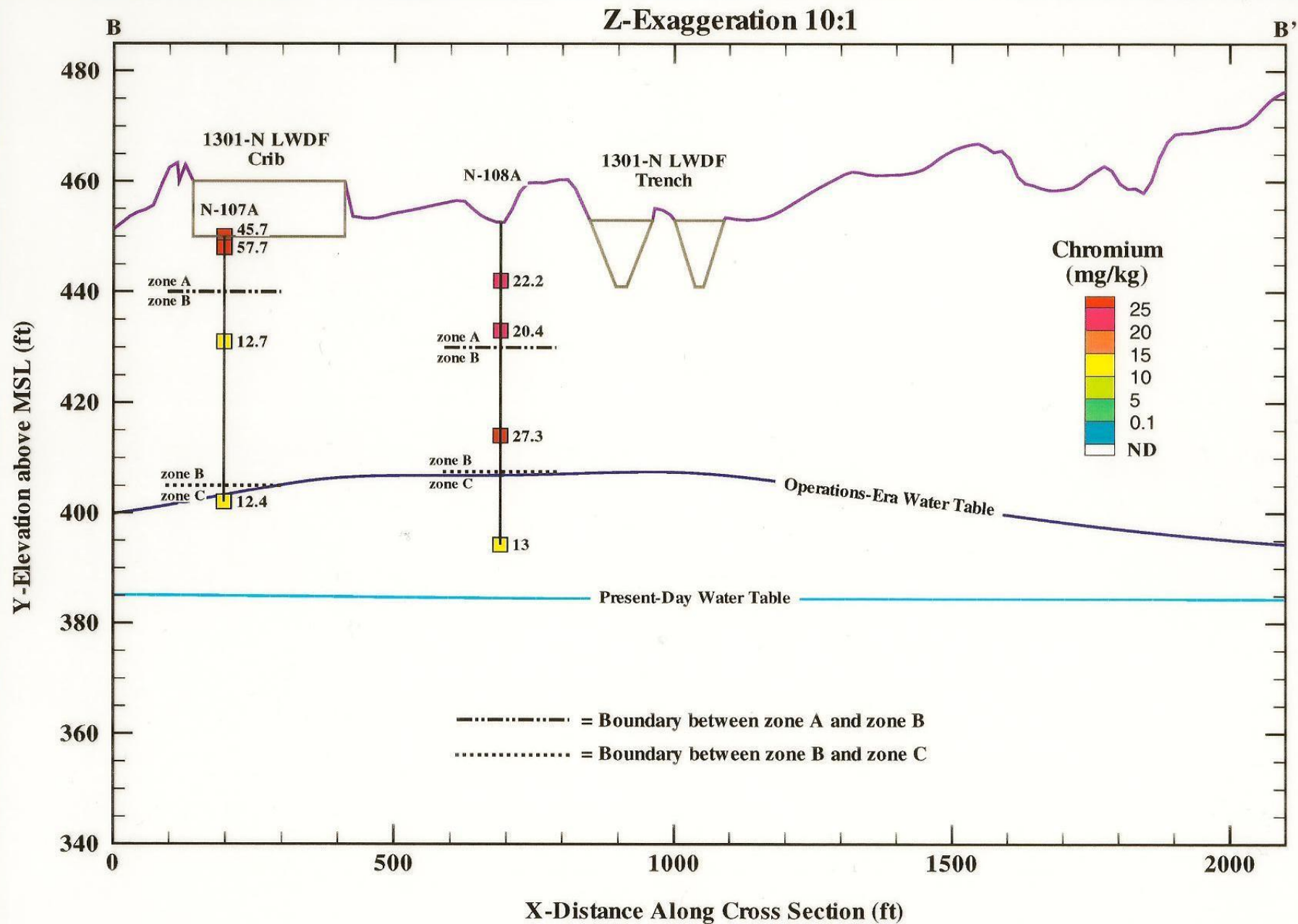
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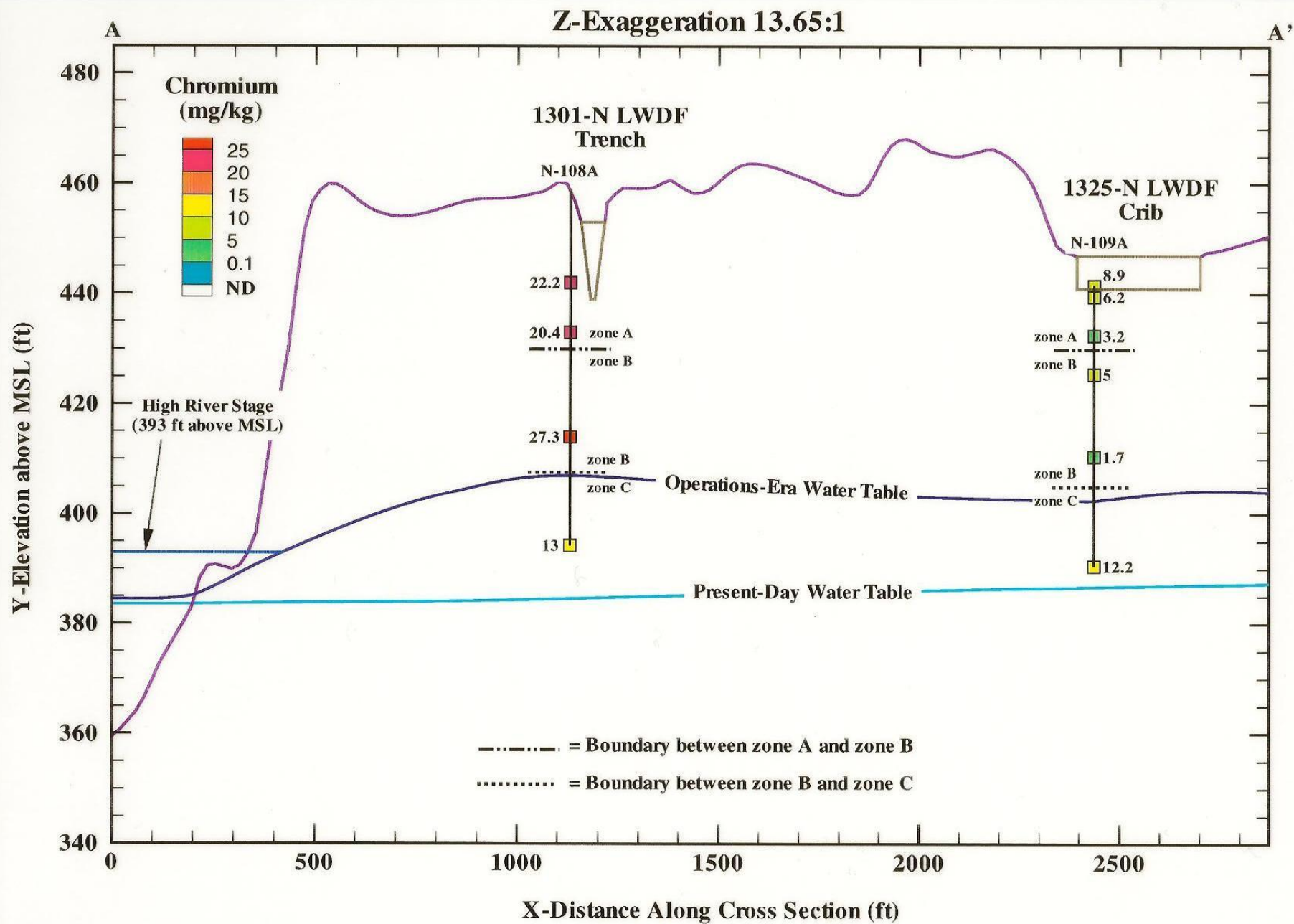


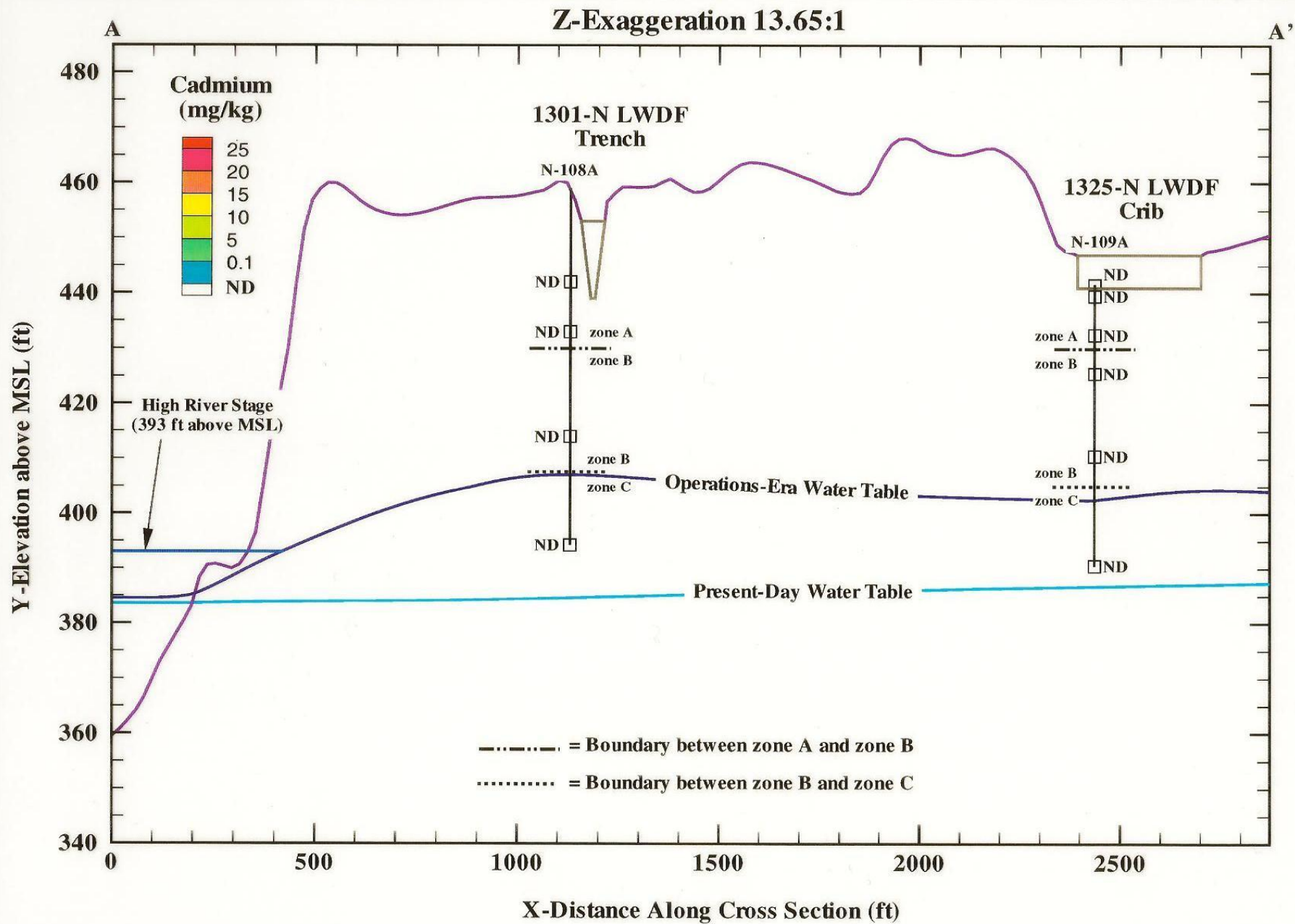
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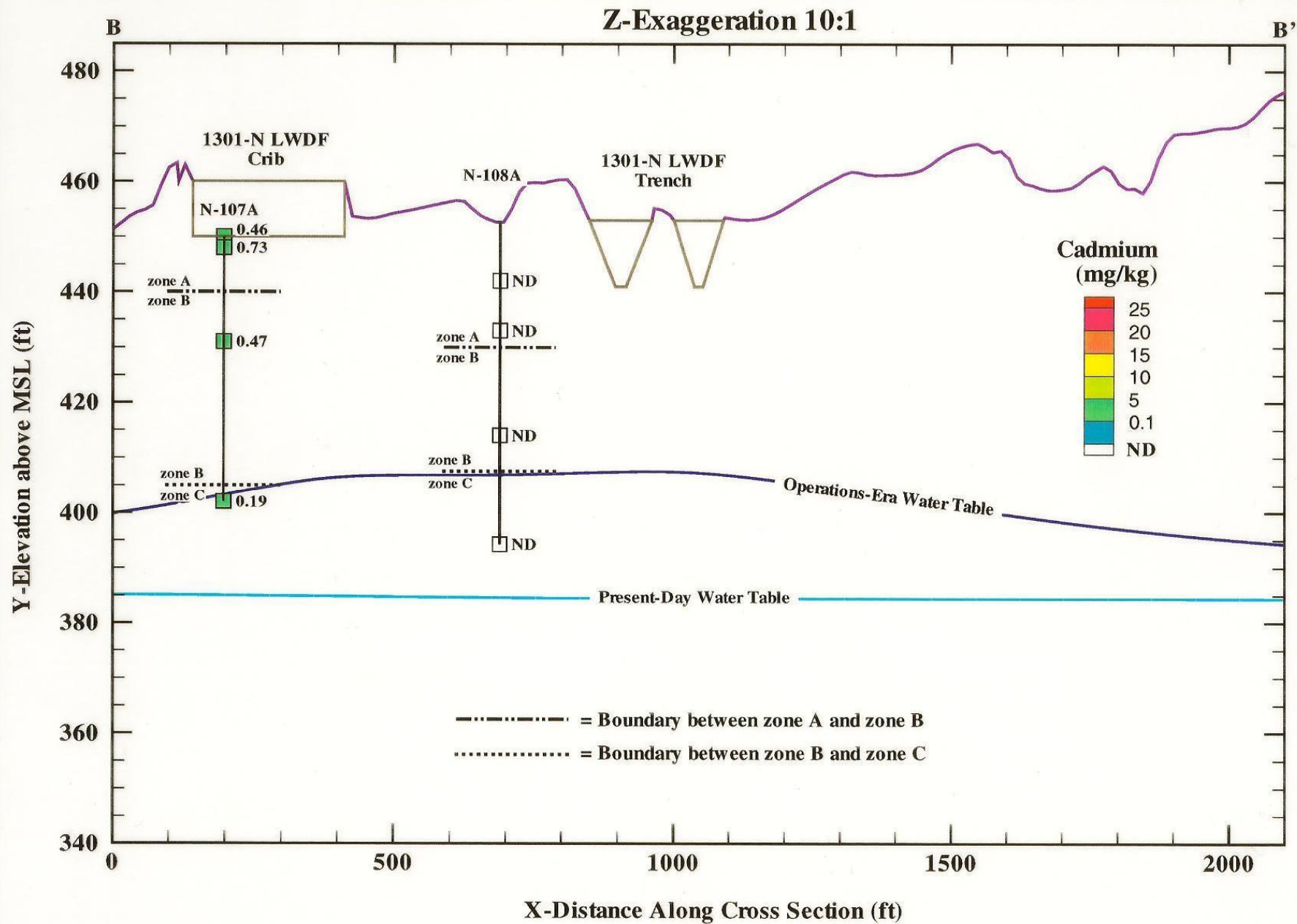






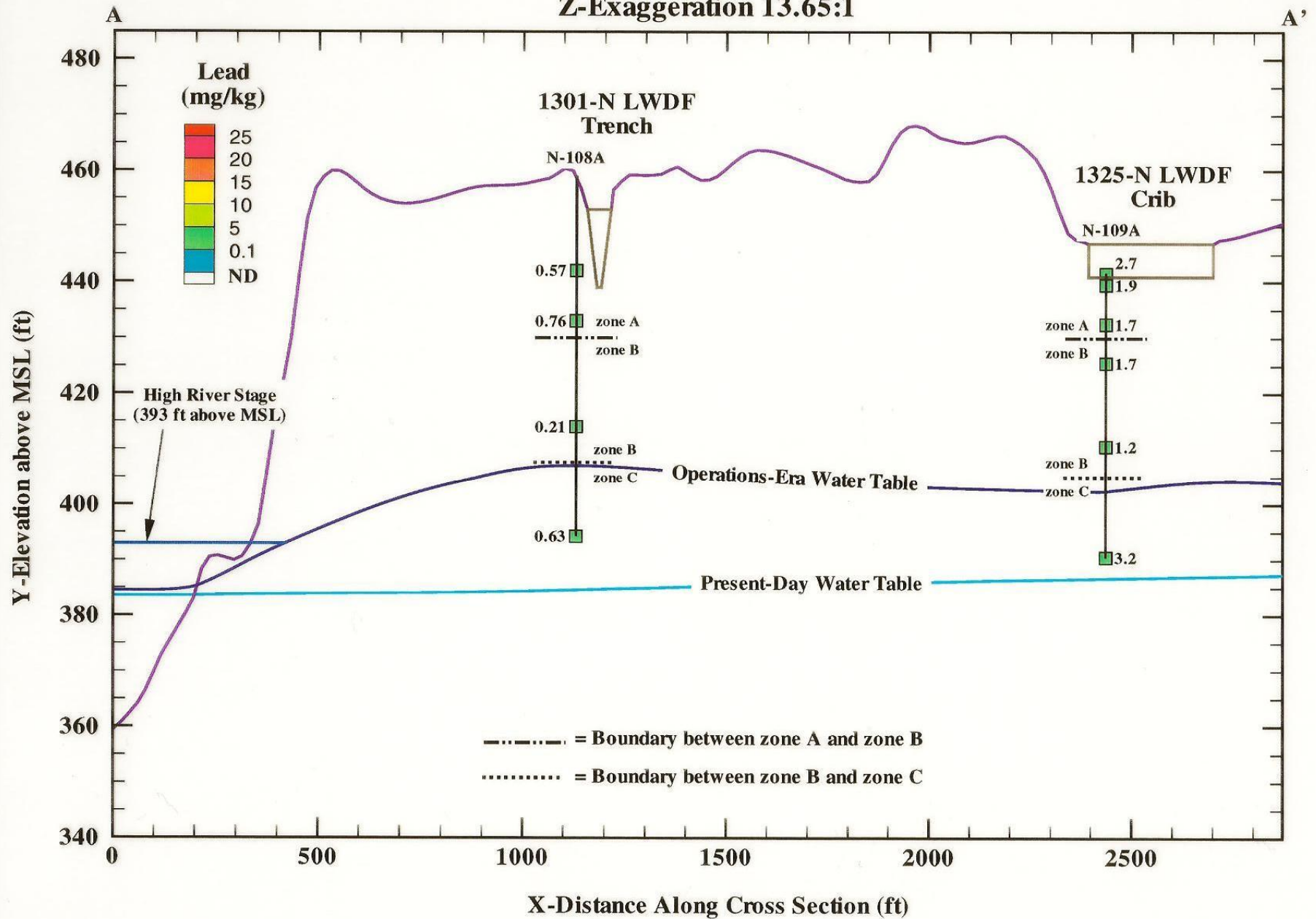






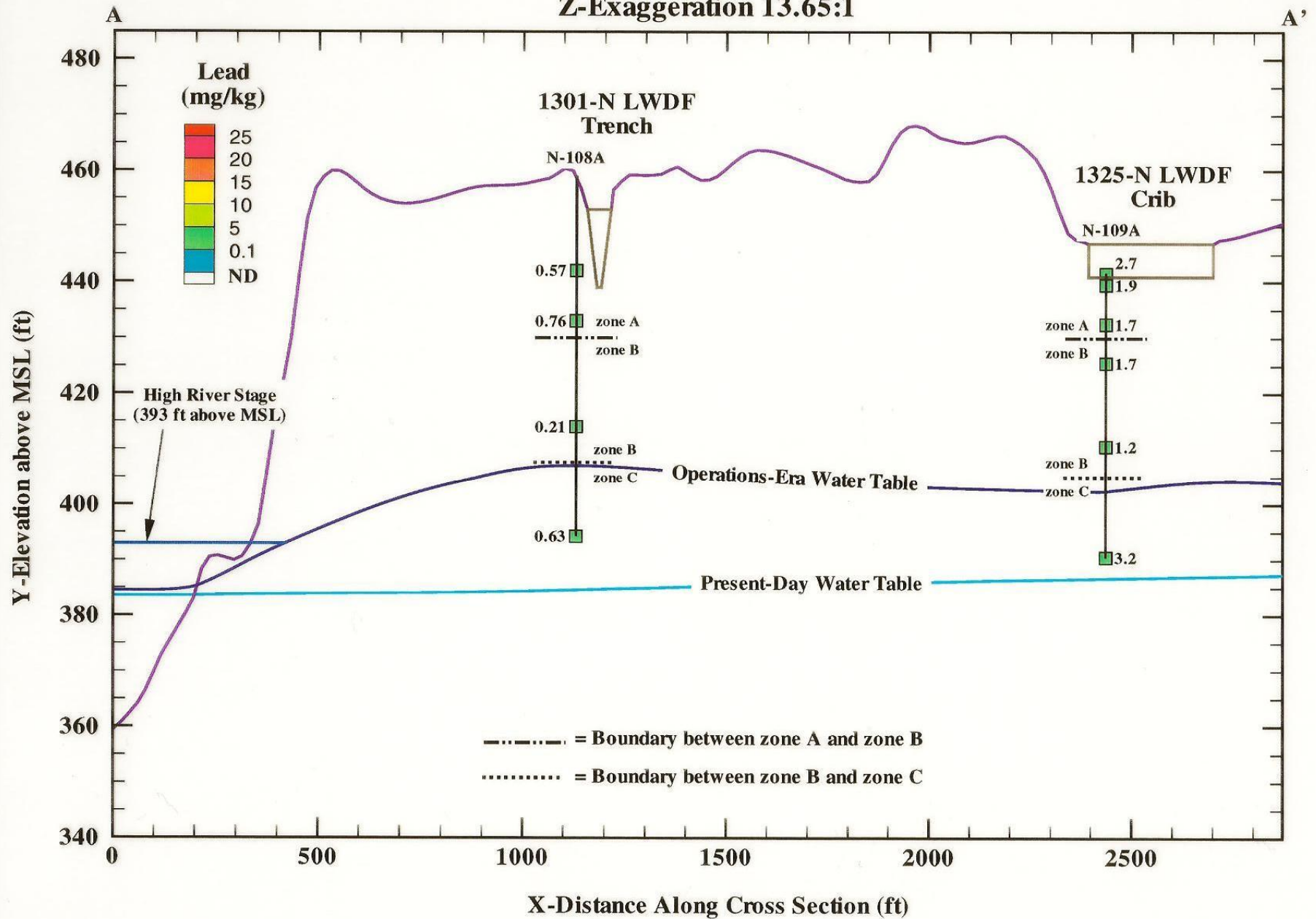


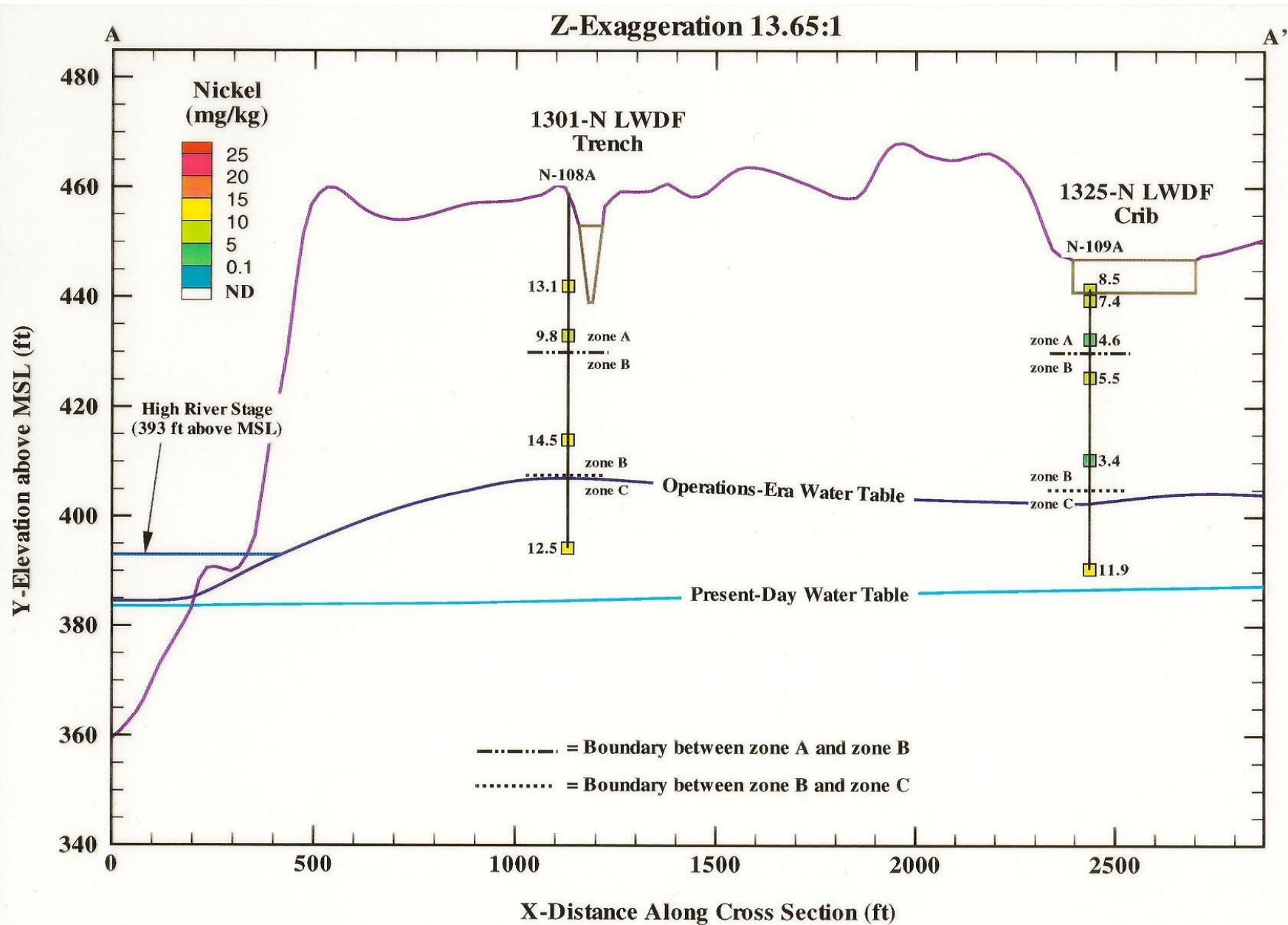
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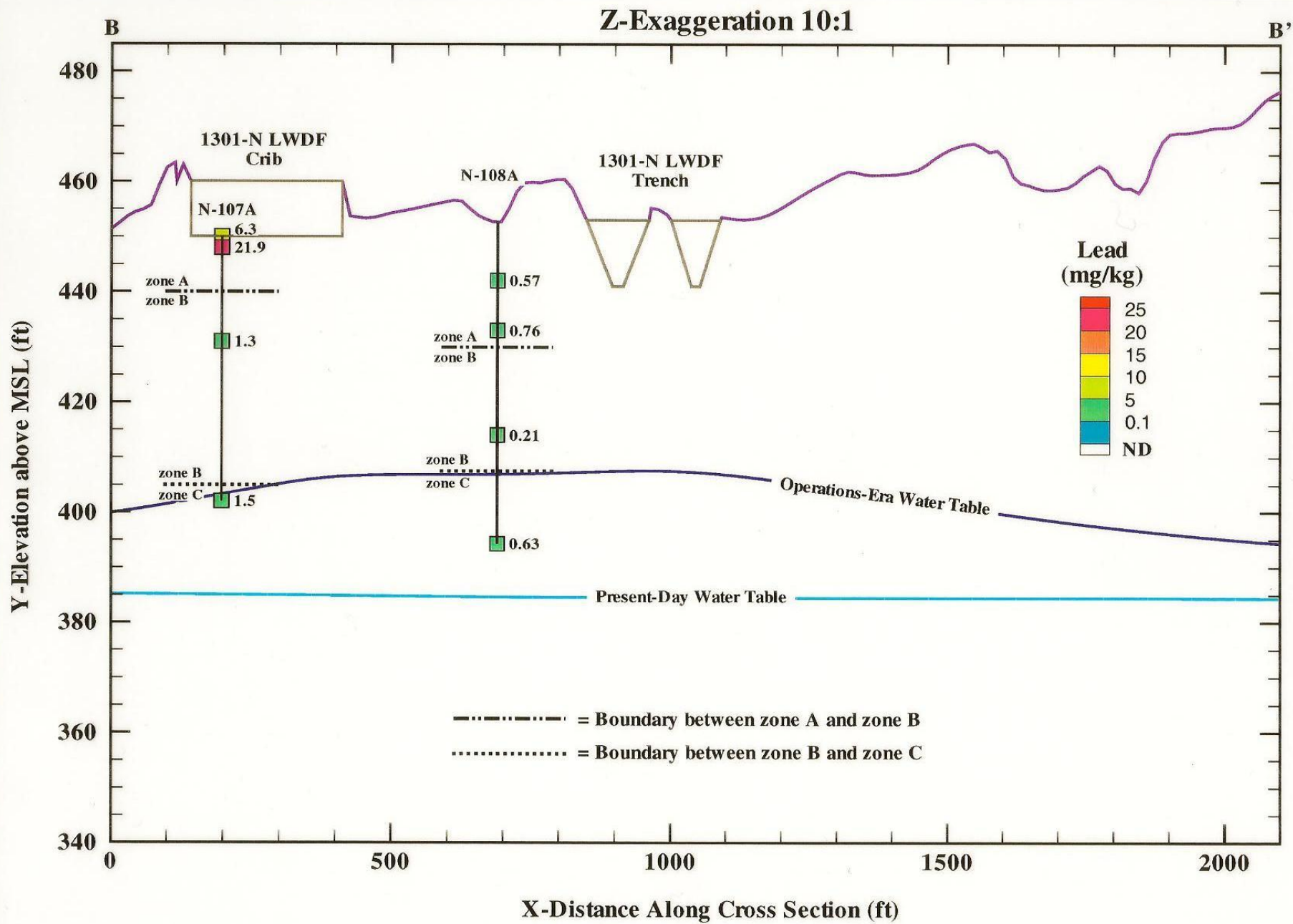




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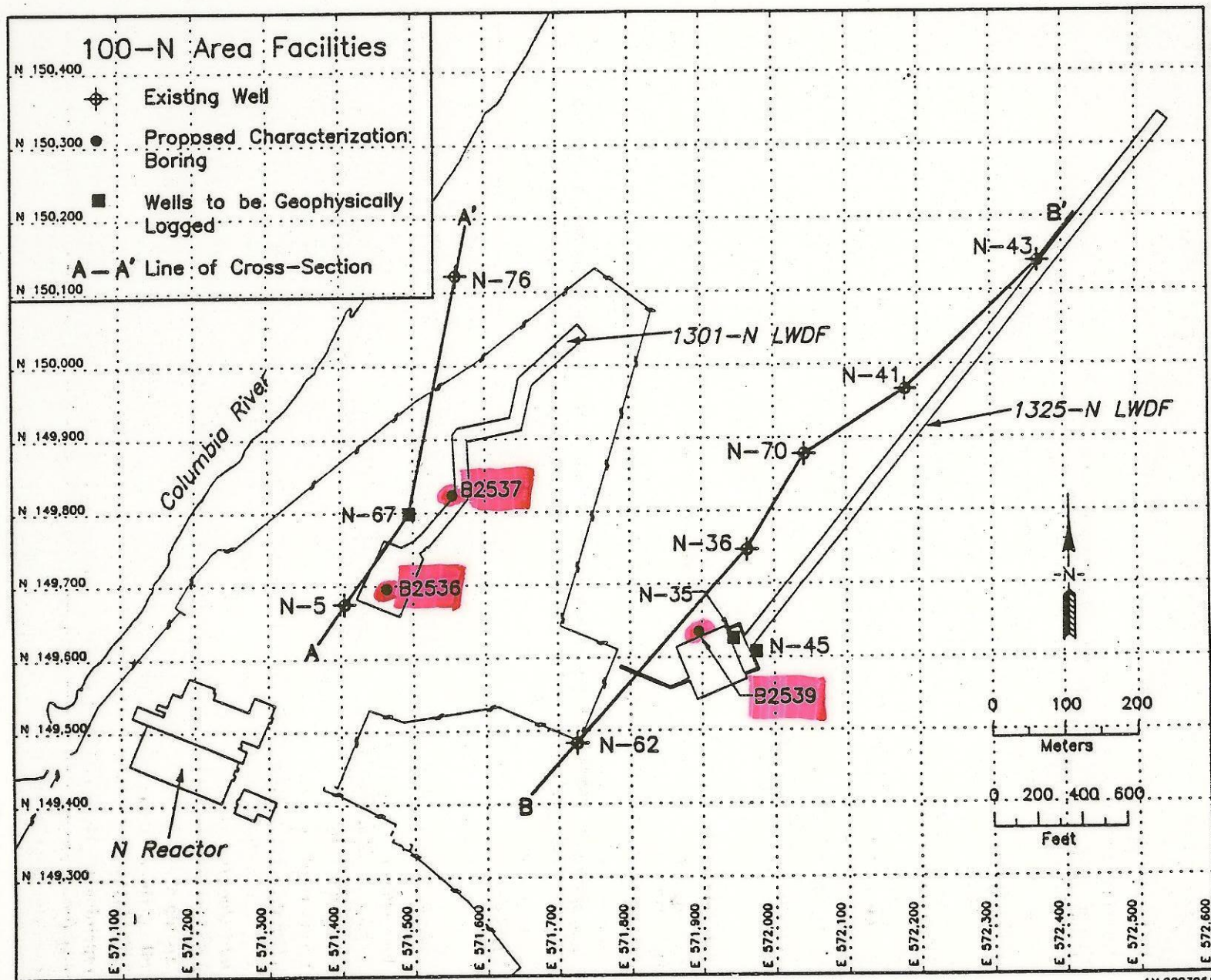
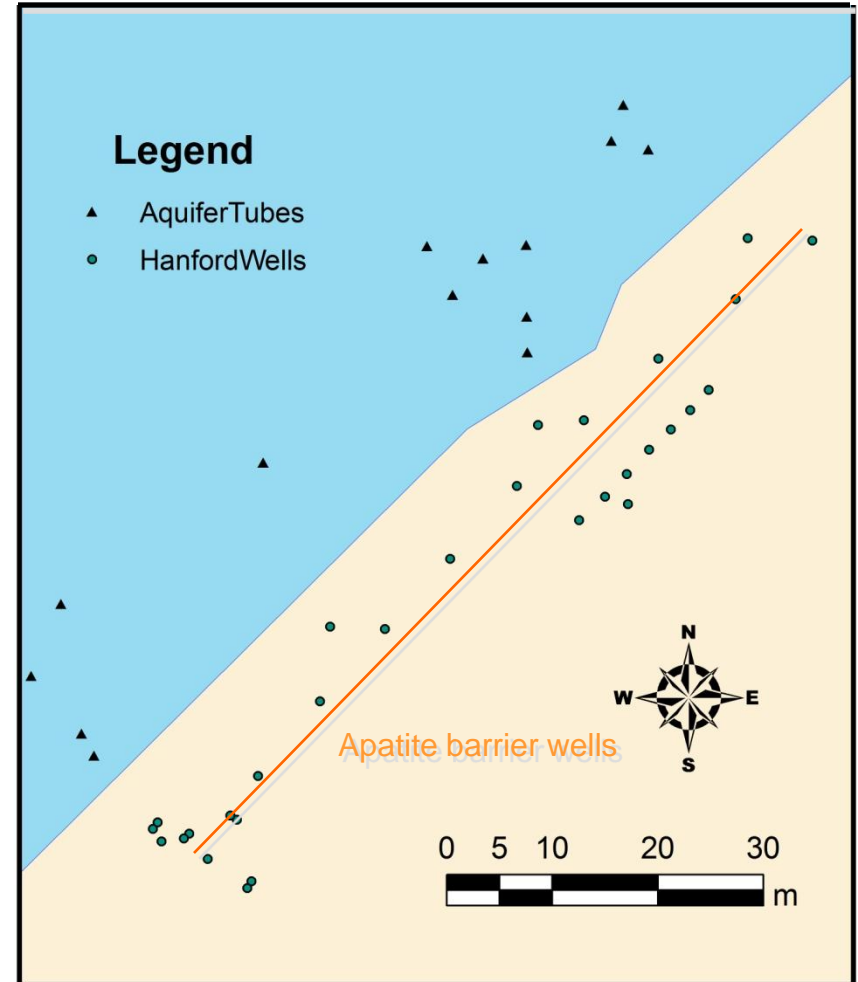
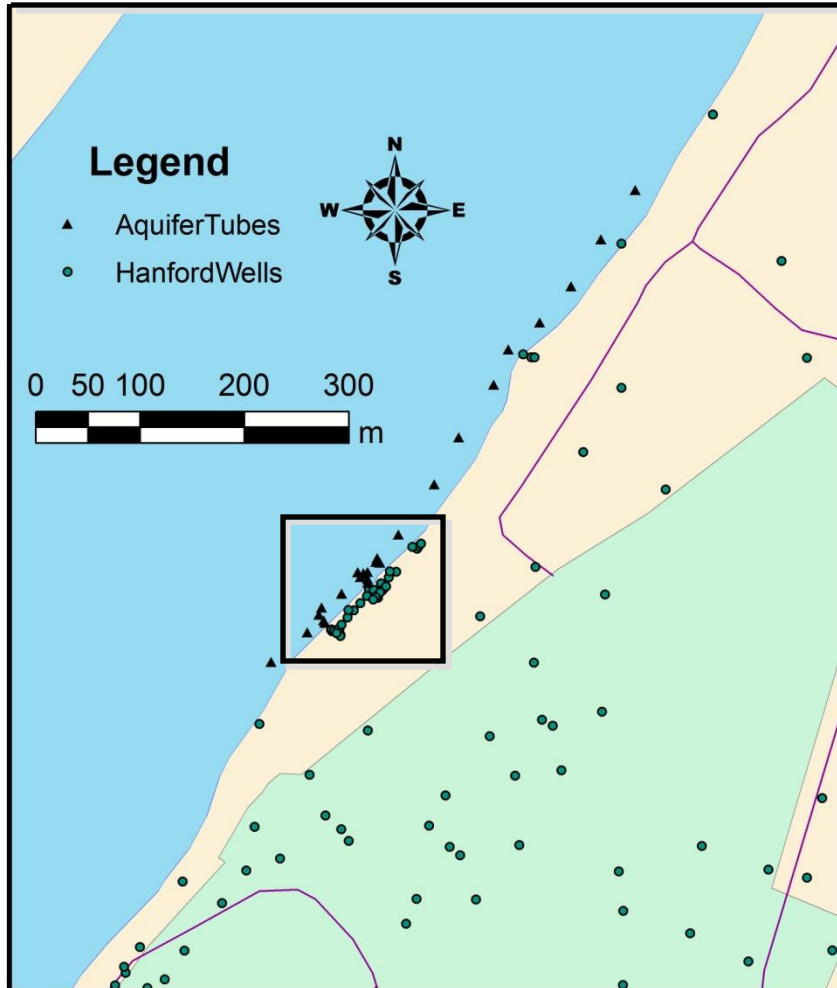


Figure 1. Locations of 1301-N and 1325-N Liquid Waste Disposal Facilities, Proposed Characterization Boreholes, and Existing Wells to be Geophysically Logged.

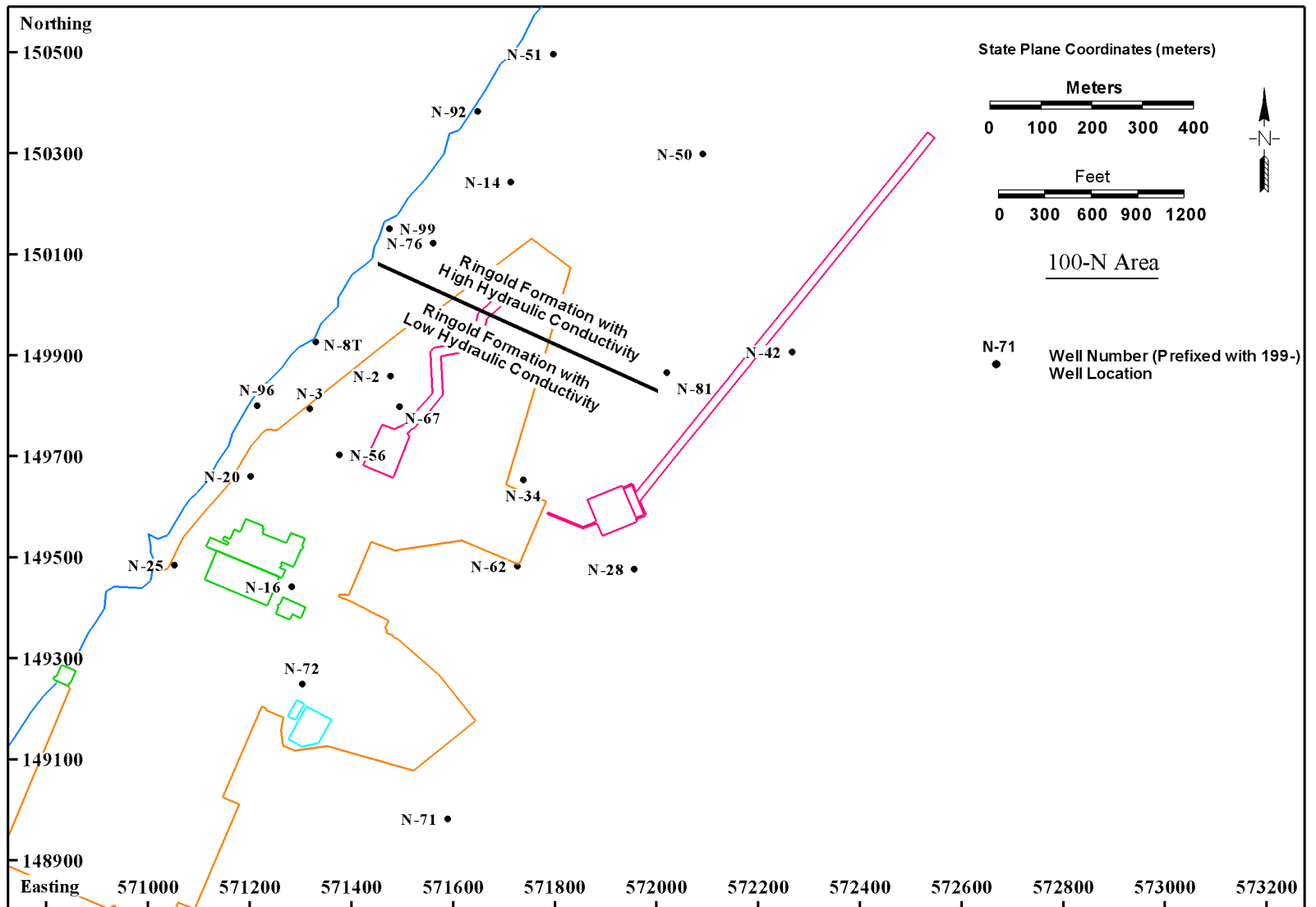


# BACKUP SLIDES

# Piezometers, Aquifer Tubes, and Monitoring Wells in the 100-N Area Study Location (2007)



# Real Time Monitoring Network





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# Historic Monitoring 100-N Well Network

